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MÉRITE 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker: Mike Kloak & Colleen Miller

Grape(s): Cabernet Sauvignon

GI: Wrattobully (Limestone Coast, South Australia)

Site(s): Estate vineyards in the Joanna region of Wrattobully

Vintage notes: Veraison and vintage were one of the earliest on record for Wrattobully. Cool days and nights during harvest allowed for an elongated harvest, resulting of wines of brightness and expression at lower alcohols. Generally regarded as an exceptional vintage for Wrattobully.

Vineyard notes: Varied top soils, including the terra rossa red, silty clays made famous by neighboring Coonawarra, are over a limestone bedrock and system of caves. The vineyard sits 110m above sea level, making it the highest planting in Wrattobully.

Winemaking: Grapes are hand-picked and sorted via an optical berry sorter, crushed and destemmed. Primary ferment conducted at 23° Celsius. Twice daily pump-overs in small batch stainless steel fermenters. After 7 days, ferments were drained and pressed, and racked into barrel. The wine is aged in a combination of Sylvain French oak and Demptos Hungarian oak, 50% new, for 18 months. Egg white fined.

Closure: Natural cork (Ref1)

ABV: 14.2%

LEGEND tasting notes: A complex and age-worthy style of Cabernet Sauvignon, with nuance, structure, and a great Aussie character. Aromas of cinnamon myrtle, vanilla, Dorrigo pepperleaf (a menthol-like native leaf), and black currant. The palate has regal tannins, length, complexity, all built on a midweight and slightly transparent palate. Oak provides polish and seriousness without overwhelming the flavors.

Production size: 400 dozen