

2016 Special Release

95 Block

PARKER
COONAWARRA
ESTATE

From only the best vintages, certain parcels of fruit with exceptional character are released separately under this simple label.

Viticulture

Fruit for this wine comes entirely from our 'Abbey' estate vineyard at the Parker Cellar Door, specifically the '95 Block'. The 95 Block sub-section of our vineyard is located west of the cellars and is planted with Reynell selection Cabernet Sauvignon. These vines are original cuttings from Bordeaux, brought to Coonawarra before they were lost to France due to Phylloxera in the late 1800s.

The 95 block also has a small section of Petit Verdot, which was harvested and co-fermented with the Cabernet Sauvignon following the exceptional 2016 vintage.

Winemaking

Harvested on the 22nd of March, the fruit was then fermented in a 9T closed static fermenter for 9 days before undergoing extended skin contact for a further 36 days. Extended maceration helps to achieve optimal ageing potential and colour extraction. Malolactic fermentation was conducted in stainless steel before being barrelled down to 90% new French oak Barriques and Hogsheads for 17 months maturation. This high percentage of new oak helps to create fine grained tannins and structure in the wine, which improves cellaring potential.

Cabernet Sauvignon 74.4% | Petit Verdot 25.6%

Tasting Notes

Colour: Dark ruby with red rims.

Aroma: Lifted Cabernet notes of herbal tea and fresh blackcurrant. Floral elements are bright, lifted and pretty. Lots of pure fruit characters on the nose.

Palate: The palate has prominent, bright red fruits and an obvious floral lift. Tannins are grippy and fresh, and fine acid provides a tight structure. Long, balanced and complex, this is an elegant wine that will age well.

Analysis

ALC	14.5%	TA	5.98g/L
RS	0.39 g/L	VA	0.65 g/L
OTHER	Vegan		

