



PEPPER TREE

ALTERNATE SERIES

2021 Wrattenbully Malbec

While we'll always love making (& drinking!) the well known classics like Shiraz and Chardonnay, we're very proud to be championing the 'Alternate' varieties; lesser known international wines which are perfectly suited to our climate & packed full of flavour.

Like ink spilt from a dripping fountain pen, this variety makes its mark as soon as it is poured from the bottle. Dark and inky with a vibrant aroma of dark blue fruits and a light frame of violets opens the nose before the palate reveals itself with a core of dark black fruits and red plums. Layers of schist and graphite like tannins support the weight of fruit with a bright acidity providing a refreshing finish. This wine suits itself well to pork sausages and hard cheese.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

VINTAGE

Wrattenbully experienced the coolest vintage for many years which led to slow balanced ripening. The quality of the resulting wines is considered by many locals to be the best for 40 years. The cool weather allowed for complete flavour ripening by time sugar ripeness was achieved. This produced great balance across all varieties and exceptional colour and flavour depth in all red varieties. Cabernet Sauvignon was outstanding and our best Merlot parcels have the best colour and flavour we have ever seen from our vineyard.

Our small parcels of alternate varieties are all showing great varietal definition.
The most outstanding vintage for many years.

APPELLATION / GI

Wrattenbully (South Australia) 100%,

WINEMAKING

In order to showcase the vineyard and variety capabilities, the four reds have been made in the same way. Each variety was picked at ripeness in the cool of the night and cold soaked for three days before being inoculated for ferment. The reds were fermented in static fermenters with twice daily pumpovers for tannin and fruit extraction. Once dry, the resulting wines were pressed off skins and matured in a combination of very old oak and stainless steel to maintain the fruit expression and vineyard hues. After eight months, the reds were blended and prepared for bottling.

VINEYARD

Wrattenbully is located in the Limestone Coast wine zone. The prominent viticultural feature of the area is the series of ancient beach ridges and dunes which run roughly north-south through the area. These ridges are made up of soft crumbly limestone which weathers to produce the red and brown Terra Rossa clay loam soils so highly prized for grape growing. The ridges and dunes have elevations of up to 30m compared with the neighbouring regions to the south with a Terra Rossa 'high' of less than 5m. The extra elevation on the Wrattenbully dunes produce the advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the risk of frost during the growing season.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Petit Verdot
BOTTLING DATE:	01/2022
PH:	3.62
TA:	5.7 g/l
ALC/VOL:	14.5%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.6

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FRENCH VARIETAL

Originates from South West France, but made famous via Argentina's Mendoza region.

BODY: Medium +

TANNINS: Medium

OAK: Yes

SIMILAR PROFILES:

Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon

HUNTER VALLEY | ORANGE | WRATTENBULLY | COONAWARRA