

# TASTING NOTES

## 2023 Singlefile Great Southern Malbec

Great Southern, Western Australia

### VINEYARD & WINEMAKING

Malbec originates from France, the majority found in the Cahors region, a small town on a switchback river that flows towards Bordeaux. It is a common blending grape used in many of the great wines of Bordeaux. However, because of the grapes' poor resistance to the weather and pests of the region, it never surfaced as a top French variety. Instead, it found a new home in Mendoza, Argentina where a French botanist planted it by order of the mayor in 1868.

There are only very small plantings of malbec in the Great Southern wine region. This 2023 Great Southern Malbec fruit was picked and sorted on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023. It was cold soaked in small fermenters for two days before undergoing an extended and gentle maceration allowing for the softening of the tannins with the goal of creating a wine with structure and texture along with the natural juicy flavour profile of malbec. Twenty five percent of the wine was matured in new Bordeaux oak barriques. The balance went to two- and three-year old Bordeaux barriques for seven months maturation before final preparation for bottling in December 2023.

#### THE WINE

This wine displays bright and lifted perfumed aromas of blackberries, dark fruits, chocolate and spicy oak support. The wine is effortlessly mouth filling with a lovely soft and juicy red fruit flavour profile balanced with natural acidity and gentle fine-grained tannins which provide structure to a long finish.

Pre Release

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alc: 14.2% pH: 3.57 TA: 5.3 g/L Cellaring: Up to 12 years

