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## 2023 Singlefile Great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

GREAT SOUTHERN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### *Vineyard & Winemaking*

Five varieties of grapes are permitted in red Bordeaux wines: cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, malbec and petit verdot. In Australia, cabernet sauvignon and merlot is a common blend to produce a Bordeaux-style red, with merlot's smoothness and fruit forward qualities helping to balance the high tannin in the cabernet.

The fruit was picked and hand-sorted in late April 2023. The two varietal parcels were cold soaked in small fermenters for two days before undergoing a gentle and extended maceration. This approach helped to soften the tannin profile. The wine was then matured in 225L Bordeaux oak barriques (30% new) with the balance to aged Bordeaux barriques. The wine was matured in these barrels for fourteen months before being prepared for final blending and bottling.

### *The Wine*

This wine displays vibrant and lifted aromas of dark berry, sage and bay leaf, with cedar accents contributed by oak. Effortlessly mouth filling with juicy red fruit flavours and warming notes of spice, it is balanced with bright acidity and fine tannins which lead to a long, drying finish. Medium bodied, the wine has lovely palate weight and is well suited to red meat dishes or a roast leg of lamb with garlic and herbs. It will continue to develop earthy complexity with further time in bottle.

### *New Release*

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### *Technical Specifications*

Alc: 14.3%

pH: 3.55

TA: 5.3 g/L

Cellaring: Up to 15 years

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