

2017 'Protector' Cabernet Sauvignon



Tasting Notes

RRP: \$40

Aroma

Classic varietal McLaren Vale Cabernet displaying concentrated dark fruits, blackcurrant, mulberry and blueberry, with hints of dried herbs and underlying oak spice.

Palate

Powerful and full bodied yet elegant, with dark plum, cassis and sour cherry notes. Integrated French oak and seductive youthful tannins are a perfect frame, providing a firm structure built for ageing

Vineyards

Selected from two distinct vineyard sites in McLaren Vale. The first from Blewitt Springs produces structural wines with brighter fruit, perfumed aromatics and leafy varietal characters. The second from Aldinga produces richer more powerful wines with dense varietal characters of cassis and dark plum.

The Protector Story

The Celts believed Hazel to have protective powers. If you wore a badge of Hazel you would be protected from evil spirits, sea captains would wear twigs of Hazel woven in their hats to protect themselves from the wickedness of the sea. Irish Mythical Legend Finn McCool used a shield made from Hazel to protect him. Cabernet Sauvignon's high tannin content symbolises this protection by protecting the wine during the ageing process.



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| Region | McLaren Vale | Alcohol /pH / TA | 14.0 | 3.68 | 6.42 |
| Variety | Cabernet Sauvignon | Winemaking | | | |
| Harvest Dates | 31 st March to 11 th April | De-stemmed into open fermenters as whole berries with 3 day cold soak. Plunged 3 x day for 9 days on skins then pressed off to complete malo-lactic ferment in barrel (new & used FO). Vineyard Batches kept separate until blending after 16 months maturation. | | | |
| Bottling Date | 27 th August 2017 | | | | |
| Release Date | September 2017 | | | | |
| Cellaring | Drink 2018 to 2028 | | | | |