

mulberry  
cassis  
black plum  
bay leaf  
cedar



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## 2018 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon

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### Vintage Notes

2018 turned out to be a true benchmark vintage in the Yarra Valley producing wines that will cellar well for many years. A punter would have got long odds for such a vintage in December with summer rains and high humidity making viticulturists nervous. The odds shortened quickly as weeks of mild temperatures, blue skies and perfectly timed showers ensued allowing for even ripening and bountiful crops. Careful consideration had to be given to picking times to ensure ideal ripeness, fruit flavour, acid, balance and structure. All in all 2018 was a vintage of quality across all varieties, with Upper Yarra Pinot Noir and Chardonnay excelling and Cabernet Sauvignon knocking our socks off.

Rob Dolan – Winemaker

### Wine Notes

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| <b>Colour</b> | Garnet, vibrant red with purple tinges                |
| <b>Aroma</b>  | Blackberry, wild berries, spice + cedar               |
| <b>Palate</b> | Rich dark fruits, mocha, soft, balanced, fine tannins |
| <b>Cellar</b> | 10 years + beyond                                     |

### Viticulture

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| <b>Region</b>   | Yarra Valley   |
| <b>Vineyard</b> | Yering Park, Yering, Yarraland, Chirnside Park Michaels, Seville |
| <b>Harvest</b>  | 28th March to 9th April 2018                                     |
| <b>Method</b>   | Hand picked into 350kg bins                                      |

### Winemaking

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| <b>Process</b>      | Destemmed, lightly crushed  |
| <b>Fermentation</b> | Cold soak pre-ferment (x4-6 days) in 5T open top fermenters. Inoculated Bordeaux yeast - hand plunged and pump over twice daily, pressed off after 7-14 days on skins |
| <b>Barrel</b>       | 30% new French oak - 14 months balance + 2 year old   |
| <b>Alcohol</b>      | 13.5%   |
| <b>Winemakers</b>   | Rob Dolan + Adrian Santolin   |

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