



Reserve Range Isabella's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2017

Cellaring: 10-30 years

Alcohol: 13.5% Alcohol

Tasting Notes: Luxuriant Yarra cabernet steeped in layers of perfume, fruit and texture. Vibrant scents of violets, blackcurrants, dark plums and dried herbs overlie notes of gravel and cedar. Sumptuous, effortlessly long and complete, its smooth layers of deeply ripened but energetic dark fruit extend long and persistent down a spine of finesse and structure. Its purity and balance are flawless and it should age superbly for at least three decades.

Winemaking Notes: Hand picked 26th March 2017. De-stemmed to open fermenter, short cold soak, natural fermentation and pressed to French barrels (30% new). 10 months in oak barrels, racked once before bottling, no fining.

Viticultural Notes: Located within 2 kilometers of Rochford's Hill Road Winery at Coldstream - 40 kms east of Melbourne, the grapes for this wine come from the property formerly known as Briarty Hill and renamed 'Isabella's Vineyard' upon its purchase in 2009. This exceptional vineyard is situated at the eastern end of the contour that is home to some of the district's most celebrated vineyards, all of which share Briarty Hill addresses. Grown on ancient mountain derived sandy clay loams, these rocky soils combined with our forty year-old vines are at the heart of this wine. A north-facing slope, sheltered and protected from wind and frost by the preceding hill. After several warm growing seasons, 2017 was a return to a classic Yarra Valley harvest producing balanced, elegant wines with wonderful natural acidity.