

KINGSHIP CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2022

Region: Barossa, South Australia

Alcohol: 14.5%

Tanunda's annual Kingship Competition, a prestigious event in South Australia, flourished amid fears of invasion and conflict in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Tanunda Rifle Club (1856-1940) honed skills in marksmanship and arms-bearing. The top riflemen vied for the title of 'King' marksman. This Kingship Cabernet Sauvignon reflects precision and heritage, sourced from our Kingship vineyard on Rifle Range Road, once home to the Tanunda Rifle Club.

Vintage Information

In recent decades, a cool ripening season has become a blessing in the Barossa Valley. The 2022 season experienced below-average temperatures and sunny days from February to harvest, which was two weeks later than average, extending into May. Despite challenges like inclement weather during fruit set, spring frost, and severe hailstorms, vineyards not impacted produced elegant, structured wines with depth and length of flavour.

Winemaking

Sourced from the sub-region of Krondorf in the famous Barossa Valley. The soil profile here is black cracking clay which lends itself to growing Cabernet Sauvignon fruit of superior quality. The individual parcels of fruit are vinified in small stainless steel fermenters with gentle extraction of tannins, then aged in new and second-use French oak hogsheads for 18 months.

Tasting Notes

Intense and vibrant crimson hue with lifted dark berry cassis aromatics and hints of dried sage. Intricately interwoven blackberry and mulberry fruit characteristics are complemented by nuances cassis and warming spice. Silky fine long tannins supported by well integrated French oak lead to a long, persistent finish. This is a classic Cabernet Sauvignon showcasing the quality of this varietal when grown on the rustic soils of the Barossa Valley.

Cellaring

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