

INTERLOPER

2016 COONAWARRA CABERNET MALBEC

VITICULTURE

Fruit for the 2016 Parker Interloper Cabernet Malbec was sourced from Coonawarra and a portion was grown by our Viticulturist Brett Williams. The Malbec is predominantly from John Lienert's vineyard in the Barossa Valley with a small parcel coming from Coonawarra.

The 2016 Coonawarra vintage was early with most blocks being picked earlier than average due to the warm dry spring of the previous year. The ripening period was about the same as normal, aiding flavour development and complexity. Greater than normal bunch numbers and lower rainfall coupled to produce wines of exceptional quality.

The vintage in the Barossa was also earlier than average and the dry spring allowed for good set and flowering, but low rainfall brought harvest forward. High bunch numbers from good set meant the berries were smaller and resulted in vibrant and flavourful Malbec fruit of intense colour and rich flavour.

WINEMAKING

The blend for this wine is approximately 85% Cabernet, 15% Malbec. Following fermentation, the blend was treated to 22 months oak maturation in second-fill French oak barrels.

When John Parker came to Coonawarra in 1985 he brought an uncompromising approach to Cabernet Sauvignon that set a new quality benchmark in the region. The Malbec component of this wine is sourced from outside the region and interlopes to similar effect. It's thick skins produce almost translucent magenta colours and incredibly bright fruit flavours, making it an ideal blending partner for the more structured Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon.

TASTING NOTES

- Colour:** Rich dark crimson with cherry red hues.
- Aroma:** Fresh cherries, spice, chocolate cake, briar and caramel. Vibrant aromas with herbaceous hints, rhubarb, blackberry and some forest floor.
- Palate:** Fresh, juicy acid with red fruits on the mid palate and food fruit sweetness coming through in black cherry and berries. Black currant, mushroom and bramble savouriness, good length completes a well structured wine.

ANALYSIS

ALC	14.5%	TA	5.87 g/L
RS	0.8 g/L	PH	3.58



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