



# THE STUMP JUMP

## Cabernet Sauvignon (100%) McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills 2022

### The Name

It is rumoured that the inventor of the Stump Jump plough, which enabled a ploughshare to jump over tree roots, had poor eyesight and required regular tests to ensure he could still operate machinery. The design of this label is inspired by an optometrist's eyechart and serves as a makeshift sobriety test. If you can hold the bottle at arm's length and still read the front label, you can enjoy another glass.

### The Winemaking

The grapes used in this wine are mostly from very old bush vines, and underwent gentle crushing, traditional open tank fermentation, basket pressing and oak maturation prior to bottling.

### The Vintage

It has been a good winter, the early Spring rains set the vines up very well. November was about 3 degrees colder than average and so the set was variable, especially Mauvedre which suffered the worst. Luckily, many varieties still had quite a large potential crop, so yields ended about 15% down from 2021 (which was a big crop year). December was bone dry, but January saw 33mm compared to 20mm average. All varieties resulted in outstanding wines. At this stage, it is early to call the vintage but I believe the reds from this vintage are the best I have seen in years. They show great colour, fruit, fruit fragrance, richness, acidity, tannins and style. The red skins were very thick and crunchy and no shrivel was seen, resulting in high tannin content, causing us to pull juice off the skins sweeter than usual, to achieve the desired results.

### The Wine

A very easy drinking maritime warm climate Cabernet Sauvignon. A core signature of blackcurrant and violets. Juicy palate with black fruits, cherry and currant with a touch of dried sage and a freshness of spearmint. The tannins are fine and polished. Totally delicious.

Chief Winemaker	<b>Chester Osborn</b>	Senior Winemaker	<b>Jack Walton</b>
Residual sugar	<b>1.1 g/l</b>	Titrateable acid	<b>6.7</b>
pH	<b>3.50</b>	Alcohol	<b>14.5%</b>

