



2020 GIBSON ISABELLE BAROSSA CABERNET MERLOT

STORY

Our Isabelle Cabernet Merlot is a tribute to Rob Gibson's mother - a lady of warm heart, underlying strength, and a touch of vibrant eccentricity.

This Bordeaux-inspired wine is an expression of varieties that are all grown on our home block, at the cold end of the Barossa in Light Pass - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and a small percentage of Petit Verdot.

Our microclimate in the North-Eastern Barossa is well suited to these varieties, which typically perform better in cooler pockets. Two factors are at play here - we sit at a slightly higher elevation than the valley-floor, which moderates temperatures. We are also at the edge of the foothills of the Barossa's ranges, where cool air runs down the hills and settles over the river flat terrain of Light Pass itself. This is evident in the many frost fans that are dotted throughout the region.

VINTAGE NOTES

Early temperatures in October and November were below average giving slow development. Mild dry ripening conditions, later combined with lower yields, led to good varietal expression.

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Deep crimson with a ruby hue.

Aroma: Lifted aromas of blackberry, redcurrant and bramble fill the glass with hints of tobacco and baking spice.

Palate: The medium-bodied palate shows great finesse with red and black fruits, bayleaf and a dusting of spice. The bright acidity gives the wine freshness and shape, with fine, gentle tannins providing length and structure.

TECHNICAL

Varietal composition: 60% Cabernet, 32% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot

Region/s: Barossa

Maturation type: 18 months in matured French oak hogsheads.

Alc/Vol: 14.8%

TA: 6.49 g/L

pH: 3.57

