

ARLO

Cabernet Petit Verdot 2016

Vintage

An ideal lead in to vintage, with fine, mild conditions through late Spring and early Summer. A sustained burst of hot weather from mid-January resulted in an early, compressed vintage.

Vineyard

86% King Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Glenrowan Petit Verdot. Sourced from a tiny Cabernet block (half an acre) at the warmer, northern end of the King Valley (Docker). Zero human intervention - not pruned, sprayed or irrigated. Fruit harvested March 5 in fantastic condition.

Winemaking

Hand picked, 100% destemmed, and mostly crushed, with a small percentage of whole berries. Left to naturally ferment at its own pace. The tiny berries were showing ample fruit tannin, so the wine received only a gentle hand plunge daily to balance extract. A micro ferment (approximately 100kg) of Petit Verdot was added a full month later. Fifteen months in one new and one well seasoned French (Taransaud) barrique.

Tasting Note

Shows true Cabernet character on the nose - blackberry, plum, bay and tobacco leaf. Medium to full bodied, with fleshy dark berry fruits giving way to fine, firm fruit tannins. Bright and energetic feel. Drink to 2025.

Technical

Alc/Vol 14.2% pH 3.6 Volume: 52 dozen

