

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2021 'THE VANGUARD' CABERNET

Vanguard (noun): the leading position in a movement or field, especially in new developments or ideas.

This wine has been released and named in honour of founding viticulturalist and owner, Andrew Pike. His vision has not only been pivotal to the success of Pikes Wines, but it has also helped shape the future of our region. Andrew's contributions to industry leadership, viticultural innovation, development of emerging varietals, and investment in regional tourism have had a significant and lasting impact.

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

The 2021 vintage was outstanding for Cabernet Sauvignon in the Clare Valley. A very cool ripening period allowed for great flavour development with the fruit being picked between the 1st-7th of April.

Fruit sourced from Pikes Polish Hill River Estate, barrel selected from 3 blocks planted in 1996 and 2009. Fruit was wild fermented on skins for 12-14 days. Matured in seasoned French barriques for 10 months. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate Grown, Single Vineyard

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2021

Region: Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

Fermentation: Wild yeast, closed fermenters

Maturation: 10 months in French barrique

Production: 50 Doz

Alc/Vol 13.5%

pH 3.44

TA 6.9 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Deep dark cherry red.

Aroma: Concentrated blackcurrant and blueberry fruits jump out of the glass, splashes of red cherry to the side. Subtle hints of charry oak and spice build. Dark chocolate. The tell-tale leafy characteristic of Cabernet Sauvignon plays in the background. Well integrated oak with slightest hint of char. Give it more time and dark chocolate and truffles peek through.

Palate: Concentrated, balanced, and incredibly long. Generous black currant fruit is countered nicely by the supple yet tannins and a lovely line of acid. Finish is long and perfectly balanced with super fine-grained tannins.

Summary: We believe that this release has set a new benchmark for Cabernet Sauvignon from our Estate and encapsulates the pure expression of fruit from our unique site that we strive for year after year. Supreme drinking upon release as a 3-year-old wine but will reward greatly with cellaring of 20+ years. This screams for some hearty protein, try with grass fed Scotch Fillet medium rare.



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