

# PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

## 2022 'THE DOGWALK' CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Good winter rain allowed soil profiles to be full, giving the vines a great start to the growing season. A remarkably cool summer, providing perfect conditions for healthy balanced vines. The long ripening period produced fruit with a perfect balance of good colour, high natural acidity, and concentrated flavours.

Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the Clare Valley's best varieties, and when it reaches its greatest potential, it can rival Riesling.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Fruit Source:** Estate Grown

**Variety:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vintage:** 2022

**Region:** Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

**Fermentation:** Spontaneous ferment, gentle cap management in closed vessels, extended maceration up to 30 days

**Maturation:** 14 months in French Barrique, 10% New Oak

**Alc/Vol** 13.5%

**pH** 3.40

**TA** 6.66 g/L

### TASTING NOTES

**Appearance:** Medium to deep red.

**Aroma:** Some lovely rose petal florals and fresh blackcurrant roll out of the glass, supported by a leafy, brambly note layering a complex but very inviting nose.

**Palate:** More of the same purple and blue fruits with more ripe blackcurrant, blackberry and some tart boysenberry provides freshness alongside a blueberry pie character offering a generous mouthfeel. On the back palate, a brambly undergrowth character provides a savoury edge paired with some classic soft Clare Cabernet tannins offering length and structure whilst gliding across the palate and making for a delightful glass of wine.

**Summary:** Cabernet in Clare has a proud history and this classic example continues that legacy, with a terrific balance between fruit generosity and the long, leafy and textural characters. Imminently drinkable upon release, but will reward some patience with 8-10 years of cellaring. Pair with some garlic salt seasoned Lamb Forequarters, charred on the BBQ and served with a dollop of redcurrant jelly for a delicious and easy combination.

### ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is grounded by family. From brothers to sons, since 1984 when the Pike family first stepped foot on Polish Hill River soil and decided to make wine together.

Our site is unique, with tough acidic soils overlaying ancient dark grey siltstone of the Kadlunga Slate formation, which has lay beneath Polish Hill River for 650 million years.

Our wine style is elegant and refined, yet approachable. A style that has been forged over many years by geology and geography, viticultural learnings, and a hands-off winemaking approach. A style that celebrates this special place we call home

### Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: 10am - 4pm daily

Slate Restaurant: Lunch: 12pm - 3pm Wed-Sun, Dinner: Saturday from 6pm

