

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2022 'THE HILL BLOCK' CABERNET

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 followed, 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.

Only made in exceptional vintages, Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the Clare Valley's best varieties, and when it reaches its greatest potential, it rivals Riesling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate Grown, Single Vineyard

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2022

Region: Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

Fermentation: Wild yeast, closed fermenters

Maturation: 10 months in French barrique, 10% new

Production: 200 Doz

Alc/Vol 13.5%

pH 3.55 **TA** 6.2 g/L

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

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Deep dark cherry red.

Aroma: Slightly reserved at first and benefits from some time to open up. Blueberry and blackcurrant immediately come to the fore. Whispers of cedar oak and tomato leaf as typical from our site.

Palate: Concentrated, bright, fleshy red and blue fruits carry through to the palate. Texture and weight are slinky, seductive, and seamless with great flow. The finish is long and balanced showcasing blackcurrant, dark chocolate and super fine chalky tannins. Classy Clare Cabernet at its best.

Summary: A great follow on from the spectacular 2021 vintage. Drinking nicely upon release, but from a classic Clare cool vintage, it has a great cellaring potential. Could easily go 15+ years if that is your preference. Perfectly accompanied by a butterflied leg of roast lamb.

