

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2023 'HOMAGE' CABERNET MALBEC

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

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.

Our 'Homage' Cabernet Malbec pays tribute to this classic style which has long been produced in the Clare Valley. The fruit is sourced from 2 small blocks planted adjacent to one another in 2008.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate Grown

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 70%, Malbec 30%

Vintage: 2023

Region: Clare Valley, Polish Hill River

Fermentation: Wild fermented

Maturation: 12 months in seasoned oak

Alc/Vol 14%

pH 3.46

TA 6.2 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Medium dark cherry red.

Aroma: A bouquet of dark fruits – blackberry, cassis, mulberry, and plum lifted by delicate floral notes that add elegance and vibrancy. Subtle hints of charry cigar box and well-integrated French oak provide depth and complexity.

Palate: A generous, plush and full-bodied red. Layers of crème de cassis, juicy blackberries, and ripe plums unfold seamlessly. The tannins are beautifully balanced, providing both structure and finesse, while fresh acidity carries the fruit through to a long, harmonious finish.

Summary: A standout release of The Homage – powerful yet poised. This wine promises excellent cellaring potential, easily rewarding 10 years or more with proper storage. A natural partner to roasted saltbush lamb rack, one of Clare Valley's iconic pairings.

ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is a family-founded winery, established in 1984 when the Pike family began crafting wine together in Polish Hill River. Our unique site features tough acidic soils over ancient Kadlunga Slate, 650 million years old. Our wines are elegant and approachable, shaped by the land, years of viticultural experience, and a hands-off winemaking style.

Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: open daily, from 10am – 4pm

Slate Restaurant: Lunch from 12pm Thu – Sun & Dinner from 6pm Sat

