

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2023 '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: 2023

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 3.48

TA 6.3 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Medium to deep cherry red.

Aroma: Fresh and generous, showing red fruits, blackcurrant and sweet, fleshy mulberry. Subtle leafy Cabernet notes add varietal lift, while a quiet background of charry oak and cigar box brings complexity without dominating the fruit.

Palate: Beautifully balanced and medium bodied, with an effortless flow between red and black fruit. Fine, well-integrated tannins from both grape and oak provide shape and length, while the oak influence remains firmly in the background.

Summary: A classic Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon expression, showing freshness, generosity and balance. Approachable and highly drinkable upon release, with fine tannin structure and fruit concentration that will allow the wine to cellar gracefully for up to 10 years. A natural match with roast lamb, chargrilled beef or mushroom-based dishes.

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

