

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2023 'THE HILL BLOCK' CABERNET

VINTAGE INFORMATION

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.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

Only made in exceptional vintages, this release is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the Clare Valley's best varieties, and when it reaches its greatest potential, it rivals Riesling.

Fruit Source: Estate Grown, Single Vineyard

Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2023

Region: Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

Fermentation: Wild yeast, closed fermenters

Maturation: 10 months in French barrique, 11% new

Production: 200 Doz

Alc/Vol 13.5%

pH 3.44 **TA** 6.6 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Deep dark red with a strong intensity.

Aroma: Classic Clare Valley Cabernet, with cassis and blackcurrant supported by tobacco leaf, tomato leaf and lifted herbal notes, with subtle thyme complexity.

Palate: A focused and structured Cabernet showing varietal precision. Fine, chalky tannins provide grip and drive, framing concentrated fruit and delivering a long, controlled finish. Built for cellaring, with excellent potential to evolve.

Summary: Another fantastic release of our Hill Block. Drinking nicely upon release, but from a classic Clare cool vintage, has a very bright future with careful cellaring. Could easily go 10-20 if years if that is your preference. Perfectly accompanied by a butterflied leg of roast lamb with rosemary.

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

