

Climbing

Sourced from the higher elevations of our Estate grown vineyard above 600m (Orange appellation) "Climbing" wines exhibit intense flavours courtesy of lower yielding vines set on ancient soils, extremely cool nights and carefully nurtured viticulture. The Climbing range exhibit carefully added winemaking techniques to deliver complexity that layers the natural bright and elegant fruit character. The label is inspired by the higher elevation vines that give such a unique character and was drawn from an 1880's Dive Circus poster with the dashing Henry scaling the heights inspired by the local extinct volcano peak, Mount Canobolas.

2016 CLIMBING CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BLEND: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

REGION: Orange, NSW

HARVEST: Early March 2016

WINEMAKING: Our best Cabernet block, 52N was selected to craft this wine. Fruit was de-stemmed and the must warmed to go straight into fermentation. Pumped over twice daily during peak of fermentation, which lasted 7 days. Then reduced to once daily pump over post ferment for a further 7 days. 1 parcel off fruit was pressed straight off skins, whilst the second parcel was kept on skins for 3 months post ferment maceration. Following this, the wine was gently drained and pressed off skins. Then matured for 12 months in a combination of 225L & 400L French oak barrels with 20% new oak. Following barrel maturation, wine was racked, lightly fined to help soften tannins and then filtered for bottling.

WINEMAKER: Debbie Lauritz. B Ag. Sci. (Oen)

APPEARANCE: Rich red with purple edges.

AROMA: Dark berry fruits, choc mint & a classic hint of cool climate leafiness.

PALATE: A full bodied & elegantly structured wine showing varietal cabernet characters of dark fruits, particularly blackcurrants & dark skinned plums. Subtle dark chocolate & mocha notes from oak maturation adds complexity. Savoury chewey tannins form the backbone of the palate, ensuring good flavour persistence & length.

CELLAR: Up to 7 years.

SERVE WITH: Juicy steak, lamb cutlets or a hearty casserole.

ALCOHOL: 14% 8.3 SD

