



T A L I S M A N

2020 CABERNET MALBEC

FERGUSON VALLEY

Stretched across undulating hill faces, and hugged by the Wellington National Park, lay the lines of these celebrated varieties to become fine wines.

It was John Gladstone's 1965 industry-renowned paper titled The Climate and Soils of South Western Australia in Relation to Vinegrowing that first inspired Kim to look at the Ferguson Valley in the early 1990's.

The predictable rainfall, Mediterranean climate, stable growing season and consistent seasons make for world class growing conditions, that are carefully crafted to build the complexity of flavour that Talisman is renowned for.

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TASTING NOTES

The aroma suggests a very youthful wine. The Cabernet is still contributing classic mint and capsicum while the malbec is adding red fruits such as plum and redcurrant. These elements are on their way to developing into the classic cassis character reminiscent of the Cabernet blends of Bordeaux. The palate has assertive but fine tannins that will soften with time. The fruit is minty and rich with a Ribena undertone. This youthful wine has the structure to develop gracefully into a classic Claret style.

VITICULTURE NOTES

The Ferguson Valley had some of the hottest December days ever, accompanied by the driest December since 2008, conditions that continued through summer. The yields were low, but no bushfires or birds meant the grapes were in perfect condition across all varieties when they arrived into the winery, with purity of varietal fruit, bright and fresh flavours and deep colours.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This wine is made from estate grown malbec grapes. The individual parcel of fruit was crushed and destemmed into an open fermenter and included a high proportion of whole berries. It was plunged and 'delestaged' twice daily. The gently pressed wine then underwent malolactic fermentation in French oak barriques of which 40% were new and the remainder one and two year old. The wine was matured in barrels for 10 months prior to fining and bottling.

QUICK NOTES

Vintage: 2020
Winemaker: Peter Stanlake
Grape Variety: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Malbec
Vineyard: Talisman Estate
Growing Area: Ferguson Valley, Western Australia
Fermentation: Open ferment
Oak: French barriques
pH: 3.55
Alc %/Vol: 14%
Cellar: 8-12 years

