



# TALISMAN

## 2021 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

Deep ruby to dark crimson, with youthful purple hues. Lifted and expressive, showing blackcurrant and cassis from the cabernet, layered with dark plum and red berry fruits from the malbec. Subtle notes of licorice, spice and a faint herbal lift add complexity. The cabernet drives black fruit intensity and fine, assertive tannins, while the malbec contributes a juicy red fruit mid-palate and softness. Flavours of blackcurrant, dark plum and a touch of licorice carry through, supported by balanced acidity.

### VITICULTURE NOTES

The Ferguson Valley experienced an unusually challenging and wet season, where low yields became a blessing in disguise in rallying fruit to ripeness. Canopy management, timing of harvest and careful fruit selection through stringent hand picking proved vital. Cooler and drier conditions in March and April infused perfume, lift, vibrancy and fine tannins.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

This wine is made from estate grown cabernet and 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: 2021  
Winemaker: Peter Stanlake  
Grape Variety: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Malbec  
Vineyard: Talisman Estate  
Growing Area: Ferguson Valley, Western Australia  
Harvest: 1st April 2021  
Fermentation: Open ferment  
Oak: French barriques  
pH: 3.55  
Alc %/Vol: 13.5%  
Cellar: 8-12 years

