



## HUTTON VALE FARM

EDEN VALLEY • BAROSSA

### 2018 HUTTON VALE FARM CABERNET SAUVIGNON



“Hardly anyone was planting Cabernet in the Barossa when the Angas family were expanding their vineyards in the 1960s, so it’s no surprise it took until the late 1990s for the variety to find its way onto Hutton Vale Farm. Whilst it may have been a late starter, the quality of the fruit grown there suggests it has a long future in this part of the world.

The Cabernet block was planted in 1998 on a sloping seven and a half acre site, where the lean and tough environment dictates low yields – even by Hutton Vale Farm standards...frequently less than a tonne to the acre.”

Winemaker – Kym Teusner

Vintage / Variety: 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon  
Region: Eden Valley  
Vineyard: Single Vineyard, Hutton Vale Farm  
Tech Analysis: Alc vol.: 14.5% pH: 3.55

#### Vintage Conditions:

The 2018 vintage is considered a standout of the decade with Shiraz faring particularly well. The 2017 winter was moderately wet followed by a mild Spring which was ideal for flowering. Summer started warm and dry and turned hot and dry but with little extreme heat periods. Overnight temperatures were warm which our old vine vineyards coped well with. The ripening period of March and April were warm and sunny leading to balanced fruit flavours and pristine fruit.

#### Winemaking:

After hand-picking, grapes were destemmed prior to fermentation in open top vessels and carefully managed through twice daily pump overs. After pressing, the wines were allowed to mature in a mix of new (30%) and seasoned French oak barriques prior to blending. Further time in bottle has allowed the wine to develop greater depth and complexity that will only continue as time goes on.

#### Tasting Notes:

Perfumed and varietal with classic Cabernet aromas of cassis, dark-berried fruit and plum. Time in glass has afforded the wine further complexity with overtones of clove, anise and tobacco leaf that creates an intriguing array of aromas that carry well onto the palate. Wholesome and generous, this is a classic Eden Valley Cabernet with fine structural tannins driving a long and savoury finish.

#### Reviews:

“Concentrated and intense, this is saturated – positively dripping – with flavour. Blueberries, fresh soft licorice, poached raspberries and fennel flower compose the core, while exotic spice and resinous oak frame the picture. The carriage of flavour across the palate hints at the quality of fruit that goes into it. The memory of it lingers long after the wine is gone.”

- 94 Points. Erin Larkin, 2023 Wine Companion.