



DJ CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 McLAREN VALE

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Don J Oliver

DON JOHN OLIVER [BORN 1951]

THE Greats RESERVE SERIES

— ‘The Greats’ is an exceptional range of single vineyard wines that pay homage to the Oliver family’s many colourful characters, while showcasing the very best of McLaren Vale.

WINEMAKER

Corrina

Corrina Wright,

6th Generation

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

COLOUR

Rich Deep Burgundy

ALCOHOL

14.5 %

CELLARING

10+ years

HISTORY

DJ is a man of few words; as straight up and down as the prized rows of vines he cares for. His passion for grapegrowing is only exceeded by his passion for his family and sport (especially sport!) This reserve Cabernet is a deserving testament to him; to his passion, his grit, his down-right stubbornness, and his relentless efforts to grow the best fruit possible.

VINTAGE

2020 was a challenging vintage in a challenging world. There was a significant lack of rain through winter and spring, and an early heat spike during grape set that resulted in loss of crop. Hence, 2020 was an extremely low tonnage vintage, all while a pandemic raged. Small crops mean great quality though, so our loss is your gain!

AROMA

Smoked meats, cassis, anise, black fruits and coffee grinds. Choc mint biscuits and charred rosemary.

PALATE

Pop a lamb roast in the oven quick! Mint jelly, juicy ribena currants, anise, stewed cherries and dusty tannins to round out the palate. Sweet blue fruits, chocolate, licorice and toast, plenty of structure and aging potential for those who have the patience to wait.

OAK TREATMENT

30% new French oak – the DJ spends 18 months in barrel.

FROM THE WRITERS

“A robust, quintessential maritime cabernet. The Vale is capable of good ones and this is up there. Blackcurrant, redcurrant, damson plum, saltbush and sage.” 92 points, Ned Goodwin MW

“Mighty good example of McLaren Vale cabernet sauvignon. There is a slightly leather, iron filings rust-like character which I find most appealing as it complements the vibrant dark fruits. Distinctive.” 95 points, Ray Jordan



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