



WOLF BLASS

PLATINUM LABEL MEDLANDS VINEYARD BAROSSA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

THE DISTINCTIVE TERROIR OF THE MEDLANDS VINEYARD IS UNIQUELY EXPRESSED THROUGH THIS FINE, COMPLEX CABERNET SAUVIGNON, WHICH DISPLAYS INTENSE VARIETAL CHARACTER, FOCUS AND PRECISION ON THE PALATE, LONG, TEXTURAL TANNINS AND AN ELEGANT LINE.

The distinguished Medlands Vineyard lies within an exceptional pocket of ground at Dorrien on the central north Barossa Valley floor, a site renowned for growing outstanding fruit. Gently sloping towards the North Para River, the microclimate benefits from cooling breezes flowing down-river from the foothills and enjoys optimum sunlight, low rainfall and low humidity.

The vineyard is comprised of ancient soils ranging from loamy sands over light clays to sandy loams over medium clays, laid down 5 million years ago when an uplift of the Eastern ranges and a sinking of the valley floor caused the central valley to fill with sediments. This unique terroir results in complex, elegant Cabernet Sauvignon with intense varietal character.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Medlands Vineyard, Dorrien, Barossa Valley</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>The 2018 growing season at Medlands began with above average rainfall that filled soil profiles. Spring and summer were dry, with temperatures slightly above average. Early lignification and flavour development allowed for picking at optimum flavour ripeness, without excessive sugar. Harvest was relatively early, with reds showing excellent varietal expression, plush palates and fine tannin structure.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
MATURATION	<i>After fermenting to dryness on skins, the wine was pressed and racked to 72% seasoned and 28% new French oak for 17 months' maturation, enhancing complexity, elegance, length and structure.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 6.7 g/L pH: 3.43</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>2021 to 2043. This wine will mellow and develop with age to reward many years of careful cellaring.</i>
FOOD MATCH	<i>Great with rack of lamb with grilled raddichio, or Vietnamese beef with cinnamon and star anise.</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Deep crimson-red with purple hues.</i>
NOSE	<i>Dark aromatics of black cherry and blackcurrant express both terroir and variety, with undertones of tobacco, wild herbs and fine French oak.</i>
PALATE	<i>Complex and opulent, with the fine, layered structure, purity and finesse we have come to expect of the Medlands Vineyard. The palate is focused and precise, with long, textural tannins and an elegant line.</i>

Winemaker: Steven Frost