

## 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

Nineteen crimes turned criminal into colonists. Upon conviction, British rogues, guilty of at least one of the 19 crimes, were sentenced to live in Australia, rather than death. This punishment by 'transportation' began in 1788, and many of the lawless died at sea. For the rough-hewn prisoners who made it to shore, a new world awaited. As pioneers in a frontier penal colony, they forged a new country and new lives, brick by brick.

This wine is borne of the rules they broke and the culture they built. And like our legendary rogues, it's a taste that'll live forever in infamy.

## **Tasting Notes**

A wine that is ingeniously smooth and infamously subtle. It's profile includes ominous notes of red currants, shadows of dark berries, and a sweet vanilla oak. Caramel lurks quietly in the background, accompanied by firm cabernet tannins and red fruits. Pair it with your next midnight escape, and you'll have the perfect partner in crime.

## **Vintage Conditions**

A warm, dry start to the season brought on rapid and rebellious early flowering. After a most-needed rain in January, summer beat on with warm, sun-scorched days and cool, frigid nights, perfect ripening conditions for red grape varieties – and a little mischief. A burst of heat in late January brought on an early, condensed harvest which produced wines full of flavor, with good natural balance of acidity, tannin, and malice.

## **Technical Analysis**

Vineyard Region: South Eastern Australia

Harvest Date: March 2015

pH: 3.53

Acidity: 6.1g/L

Alcohol: 13.5% w/v

Maturation: 100% American Oak

Sugar: 6.0 g/L

**Bottling Date: August 2015** 

Peak Drinking: Now - 2019

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