

# Terre à Terre Crayères Vineyard Reserve 2021

The Crayères Vineyard Reserve is the classic Australian blend, a Cabernet (Sauvignon and Franc) and Shiraz assemblage, a blend following the long-established tradition of fine Australian fine wines. It is made every year using the best parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Cabernet Franc from our estate vineyard. The mild vintage conditions provided the perfect slow ripening framework for Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Shiraz in Wrattonbully. It is an eminently Australian wine style; with black and red fruit and floral aromas, velvety tannins and superbly balanced palate texture.

### Harvest date:

The Shiraz was hand harvested on the 25th of March 2021.

The Cabernet Franc was hand harvested on the 31st<sup>th</sup> of March and the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2021. The Cabernet Sauvignon was hand harvested on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

## **Vineyard description:**

The Crayères vineyard is located at the top of a north-south limestone ridge in Wrattonbully, one of Australia's most exciting regions. This vineyard has been baptised the Crayères Vineyard after the chalk cellars in Xavier's region of birth in Champagne, France, because of the natural limestone caves found underneath the vineyard. The clay-rich Terra Rossa topsoil, characteristic of the area, promotes nutrient uptake while the underlying limestone is a reserve of moisture for the vines. The Cabernet Sauvignon was planted on rootstocks in 2004 using the Reynella and CW44 clones at a relatively high density for the area (4,444 vines per hectare with 1.5m wide rows), which means more km² of canopy per hectare and better fruit exposure. The Shiraz and Cabernet Franc vines were planted in 2008 at the same density, using Australian clones on rootstocks. The fruiting wire is only 50cm above ground which provides extra ripeness for the vines in this cool climate region.

#### **Vintage description:**

2021 provided perfect growing conditions in Wrattonbully; slightly cooler than the 40-year average at 1,469C degree days. We saw a good early Spring rainfall, warm and dry November and very mild post veraison weather conditions compared to long term average. 2021 is a classic vintage for Wrattonbully, in line with 2019 and 2020.

#### **Winemaking:**

The fruit was transported back to the Tiers winery in the Piccadilly Valley, Adelaide Hills, before it was crushed and destemmed. The must was fermented in potter fermenters. After fermentation and maceration, the must was pressed off skins and each variety went through malolactic in tank. At the end of malolactic in Spring 2021, the wines were racked and aged in French oak barrels and old oak foudre for 14 months. After a light egg fining in oak, the wines were racked before bottling without filtration in December 2022. The Crayères Reserve is aged in bottle for a minimum of 24 months before release.

**Alcohol**: 14.5%

Cases: 1,350 six packs produced

**RRP**: \$90

# **Cellaring Potential:**

20-30 years

#### **Food Pairing ideas:**

Roasted Prosciutto wrapped beef eye fillet with traditional gratin dauphinois.

#### **Grape Varieties:**

Cabernet Sauvignon (58%), Shiraz (21%) and Cabernet Franc (21%).

#### **Closure:**

High quality cork, Hand Select.

