



CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Balnaves Coonawarra Vineyard was established in 1975, and is situated at the southern end of the Coonawarra Terra Rossa strip. The family, which has been associated with the district since 1855 and Doug, Annette, Kirsty and Pete Balnaves remains fully committed to a high level of 'hands-on' involvement.

Vintage 2018 was warm and early after a frosty start. Cabernet Sauvignon was picked from Old paulownia, Dead Morris, Walker and Vortmann blocks and matured in 44% new tight grained French oak for 14 months prior to light egg fining and bottling.

Deep, dark purple red, the nose is very dense and plush with aromatics of cassis and blackberry and a touch of liquorice and fine integrated coffee from the oak.

The palate is dense and rich with great depth of cassis, blackberry fruit and fine grainy tannins. With age this wine will benefit from decanting.

Reviews

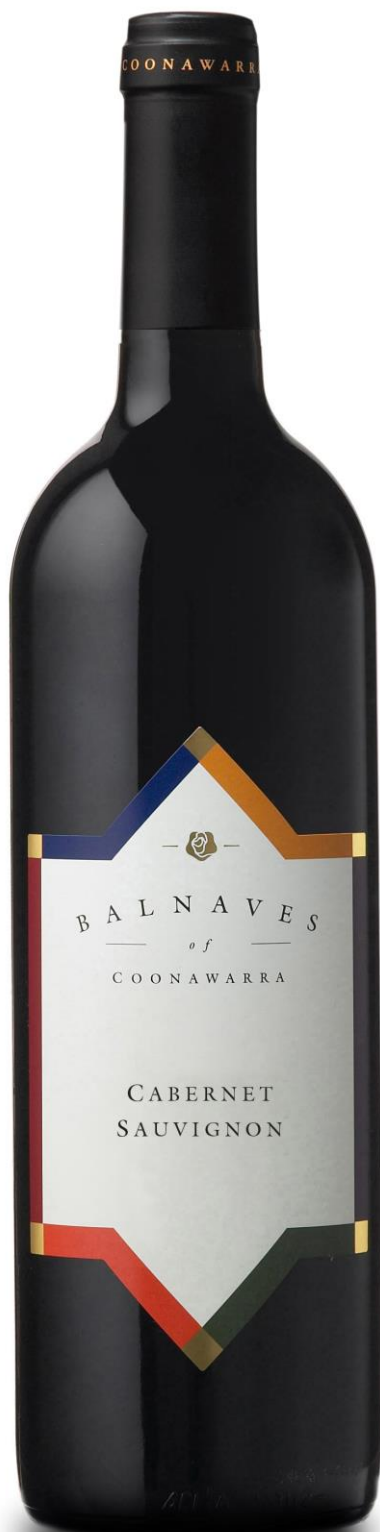
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"All cabernet, and it's marching to its own tune. Hum along to the chorus of pristine flavours of blackberries, mulberries, juniper and baking spices, plus some chocolate flecked with mint. The palate is well contained, with sweet fruit and oak neatly played out. Tannins are lovely – grainy and textural." Drink till 2038



VINTAGE	2018
VARIETY	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
REGIONAL BREAKDOWN	100% Coonawarra
ALC/VOL	14.5%
TOTAL ACID	6.88 g/L
pH	3.40
CELLARING	Optimum at 10-12 years after vintage
WINEMAKER	Pete Bissell, our current winemaker now is Jacinta Jenkins