

# 2020 CANE CUT SEMILLON



This wine is produced from Semillon using the Cane Cut method, where each fruiting cane is detached from the vine. The bunches are left hanging in the autumn breeze until the fruit has dried and concentrated in flavour and sugar.

## TASTING NOTES

**APPEARANCE** Golden straw with a green tinge.

**NOSE** An enticing, clean perfume of vanilla cream, lemon custard, cumquat, honey suckle and dried apricot.

**PALATE** A succulent entrance with bright, fresh acidity and juicy sweetness. Incredible body and weight on the palate, finishing with focussed linearity.

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The fruiting Semillon canes were cut just above the cordon as they achieved ripeness, restricting their access to water. The fruit dried and shrivelled on the canes, concentrating the sugar, flavour and acid for approximately four weeks before harvest. Great care was taken to ensure the fruit remained healthy during this period and that precise levels of concentration were achieved. The fruit and juice was macerated for 15 hours in the press prior to extraction. The wine was fermented and matured in French Oak.

## VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

2020 was a stunning vintage featuring low yields with fantastic quality; characteristics that will define this vintage as 'rare and fine'. Spring development was early followed by a warm start to summer and continuing into fine sunny, dry conditions throughout the summer months. This, combined with lower yields, brought an early start to harvest. Conditions were ideal early on with minimal bird pressure due to timely arrival of Marri Blossom and no disease pressure. Bird pressure increased following a rainfall event late February, resulting in the reds being netted. Conditions also cooled slightly, extending the red vintage, delivering ideal tannin ripening and fruit flavour preservation.

## VARIETIES

100% Semillon

## HARVESTED

March 2020

## PRESSING

Destemmed and soaked for 15 hours before squeezing juice out.

## JUICE TURBIDITY

Very clear

## FERMENTATION VESSEL

French Oak Barrique

## TIME ON SKINS

15 hours

## MATURATION

French Oak Barrique

23% new, 77% 1 – 6 year old

5 months

**BOTTLED** October 2020

**TA** 8.1g/L **PH** 3.13

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 105g/L

**ALCOHOL** 12.5%

**VEGAN FRIENDLY** Yes

**CELLARING** 5 years (fresh)

5+ years for beautiful toffee-like aged characters