



## 2017 'The Blend'

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Variety: Merlot 68% / Cab Sauv 30% / PV 2%

Region: Coonawarra

Vineyard(s): Avery, Silage, Rise, Gumtree, Dunstan

Soil(s): Terra Rossa

Viticulture: Sustainable / Experimental Organic Practices

Fermentation: Native

Elevage: 30 percent new French oak for 12 months

Alc: 13.5%

“68% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, 2% petite verdot. Matured in French oak (30% new) for 12 months. Some smart winemaking on show which belies the affordable price tag. Gentle fragrance, bright red and black fruits, but the real clincher is the concentrated aromatics, delightfully fresh and lifted. There’s violet and rose petal with splashes of spice and some of that Coonawarra bay leaf that is pure terroir. Sensational value. “

- Wine Companion, 93 Points

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### THE WINE

“Dark red in color, the nose is intense with aromas of blackberry, blueberry and anise combined with delicate smoky-coffee French oak. The palate is medium bodied with a soft round Merlot mouthfeel and black fruit flavors, with a touch of liquorice and blueberry. This wine will reward careful cellaring, and we recommend decanting before drinking.”

- Balnaves

### THE WINEMAKER

Doug Balnaves and his wife Annette established Balnaves of Coonawarra with their first 5 hectares of vineyards planted in 1975. Doug’s children, Kirsty and Pete, returned home to join the family company in 1990. The Balnaves winery was constructed in 1995, and current winemaker, Jacinta Jenkins, joined the team in 2020.

Now with 58 hectares of sustainably farmed (with many organic practices) vineyards, the Balnaves family operate with an unmatched knowledge of the region and strong sustainable values and expectations toward their land and each other.



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