



2021 'Highbury Fields'



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| Variety: | Cabernet Sauvignon 86% / Malbec 14% |
| Region: | Great Southern |
| Vineyard(s): | Highbury Fields |
| Soil(s): | Gravel & loams over clay |
| Vine Age: | Mix of 46 years (dominant) and newer vines |
| Viticulture: | Sustainable / Organic Practices / Dry grown |
| Fermentation: | Mostly open fermenters / Inoculated / Pressed |
| Elevage: | 25% New French barriques for 12 months |

“Dark crimson with purple hues. Aromas of blackberries, florals, bay leaf and dark chocolate. The palate is plush and medium bodied with blackcurrant flavours and fine tannin structure.” – Forest Hill Vineyard

THE WINE

The 2018 growing season in Mount Barker began a little early and with strong vigour spurred on by very good soil moisture from winter rains. The last major rain event was in September with 137mm falling setting up our dry grown vineyards for the season. Summer was dry although with moderate day time temperatures and very few days exceeding 30C. There was very little disease pressure and cool night time temperatures helped maintain natural acidity. Harvest dates were generally early across most varieties although more pronounced in the reds.

Highbury Fields is a younger vineyard than the original Forest Hill block, which is the source of the Malbec component in the wine.

THE WINERY

Established in 1965, Forest Hill Vineyard is Western Australia's oldest cool climate vineyard. Situated 20km west of Mount Barker, the vineyard consists of 40 hectares of dry farmed vines. Forest Hill is family owned and run by the Lyons family, with winemaker Guy Lyons managing the vineyard and winery along with Liam Carmody and Ross Pike. The Lyons family has been farming in the Great Southern for four generations and purchased the Forest Hill Vineyard in 1995. The farming methods are simple—cane pruning with attentive canopy management and shoot positioning. No herbicides are used in the vineyards with livestock running through the vines outside of the growing season. Organic composts and teas are distributed to further improve soil health promoting microbial activity.



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