

PARKER

ESTATE

FIRST GROWTH 2020

As the name suggests, this wine is crafted from the best grapes the estate has to offer. John Parker believed it could rival the First Growths of Bordeaux, and from its first release it did, and continues to do so. First Growth is only produced in vintages where fruit quality and varietal typicity is deemed to be exceptional.

VITICULTURE

The Parker Estate 'Abbey' vineyard is located on the southern end of the region's famous strip of terra rossa soil and is predominantly planted to Reynell Selection Cabernet Sauvignon - original cuttings from Bordeaux. These vines, planted in 1985, are the backbone of our First Growth. Our region benefits from the cooling influence of the Southern Ocean, so we enjoy an extended ripening period which gives wonderful fruit expression, depth and complexity.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for our First Growth was fermented in a 9T closed-static-fermenter for 40 days (fermentation lasting 12 days before the parcels were topped and sealed for a further 28 day). This extended maceration encourages tannin structure and increases ageing potential. After time on skins the wine was pressed to 80% new oak barriques sourced from renowned cooperages Seguin Moreau, D'Aquitaine, Louis Latour and Francois Freres. The wine was then matured in oak for 18 months to create fine grained tannins and produce a tightly structured wine with the potential to improve with correct cellaring in excess of 20 years.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

TASTING NOTES

Colour | Deep dense red with a hint of purple
Aromas | Cassis, blackberry, dried herbs and cigar box
Palate | Cassis and dried herbs continue on the palate with blackberry and spice in the background. The tannin structure is what sets this wine apart; it's a wine that shows restraint and length.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol | 14.5%
TA | 5.6 g/L
pH | 3.54
R/S | 0.6 g/L

Vegan

