

We are a family business with a long history, recently taken over by the fifth generation. Our single estate vineyard in McLaren Vale is uniquely high and cool. The old vines and more recent plantings all produce exceptional fruit that's healthy and balanced – the wines are fresh and bright, but with complexity and depth; layered, just like the site on which they grow. Our vines are our family and our wines have been recognised for more than 40 years.

HUGO Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

The Hugo Cabernet Sauvignon is planted right at the top of the estate against the McLaren Vale foothills. Due to this unique location conditions are markedly cooler due to the elevation and gully breezes. This results in a longer ripening period and more elegant Cabernet with generous mouth feel, aromatics and fine soft tannins.

Tasting Note Medium bodied, black fruits of blackcurrant, black cherry accompanied by a hint of chocolate, violet and sage. Balanced Cabernet fruit, with a rich middle palate and fine soft tannins.

Vintage The region's mild summer and warm autumn resulted in a gentle and slow ripening period and delayed harvest, producing outstanding fruit. While it was a wet La Niña-influenced year for other parts of Australia, McLaren Vale's vineyards received below average rainfall. Wines tended to show a high natural acidity.

Vineyard Estate grown Hugo Cabernet Sauvignon planted by John and Liz Hugo on the elevated Hugo Estate.

Importantly 40% of this wine is from a new clone of cabernet called Entav planted in 2015 right by our cellar door, which offers greater aromatics than other cabernet clones and we think has great potential.

Winemaking Fermented on skins for 7 days with gentle pump-overs twice per day. Maturation in predominately French oak hogsheads & larger format French oak puncheons for 16 months. 15% New oak.

Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon
100%

Region

McLaren Vale

Year Planted

1991 & 2015

Elevation

190 metres above sea level.

Soils

Rich loam onto clay with river bedrock.

Cellaring

10+ years

Alcohol

14%

