



A celebration of our Italian roots, planted in Australian soil. Enjoyed internationally, these wines reflect the styles of wine that have been appreciated by the De Bortoli family for four generations.



DB FAMILY SELECTION CABERNET MERLOT 2021

Variety

Cabernet Merlot

Additional Information

Vegan, Vegetarian

Season

Following good rains during winter, good soil moisture along with warm spring days leading into the 2021 vintage allowed the vines to enjoy a good growing season with crops returning to an average size. Relatively mild summer temperatures enabled the fruit to retain a good acidity and freshness of flavour. Harvest began mid-January for the white grapes, with red grapes starting a month later and all Riverina fruit harvested prior to the end of March. Good yields and very good quality.

Winemaking

Two varieties that have long been known for their complimenting flavours. The rich berry fruit of the Cabernet Sauvignon entwined with the smooth plum characters of the Merlot. We harvested each variety separately when the fruit is showing fresh berry flavours, ripe tannins then fermented on skins for 7 days at 23-27°C. A combination of American and French oak used at maturation.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.0%, pH: 3.60, TA: 6.8g/L

Cellaring

Excellent to drink now or cellar for the next 1-2 years.

Winemaker

Roberto Delgado

Tasting Note

Deep maroon with bright edges. This Cabernet Merlot has a wealth of blackcurrant and dark cherry fruit aromas integrated by the sweetness and complexity of subtle oak. A soft yet generous wine.

Wine Style

Medium bodied dry red to be enjoyed with a Sunday barbecue or pizza and is an ideal accompaniment to a delicious plate of tapas.