



WAKEFIELD

THE VISIONARY EXCEPTIONAL PARCEL RELEASE

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

REGION

Clare Valley

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

In the Clare Valley, rainfall was below average for the season, but Mother Nature saw fit to dole out just the right amount of water at just the right time for maximum positive impact on the vine's health and importantly, the quality of the fruit produced. In fact, this was just one of the factors at play when it comes to the vintage being lauded as one of the greats. Firstly, the vines were 'stress free' heading into the winter period, creating the potential for a superior crop. Secondly, conditions were ideal during flowering and then lastly, the threat of frost did not eventuate. All these conditions combined to create what could be described as 'the perfect storm' for an excellent vintage.

COLOUR

A deep, dark red framed by crimson at the rim.

NOSE

The wine is attractively scented with wild mulberry and hints of cassis and mint, alongside subtle tobacco leaf and cinnamon spice from extended premium oak maturation.

PALATE

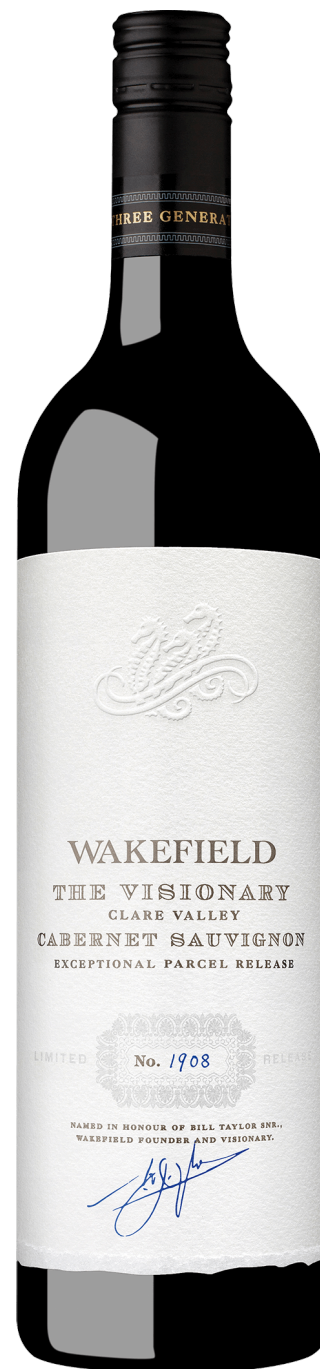
The wine displays luscious blackberry and mulberry flavours counterbalanced by fresh minty characters. There is a well-defined and highly integrated tannin and oak firmness to the distinctively long finish. This wine has lovely dimensions, and a poised elegance and depth that reflects its carefully selected provenance, vinification and cellaring.

OAK MATURATION

A portion of the wine was fermented in headless new French oak barrels and left on skins post-fermentation for 60 days. The wine was matured in a selection of fine-grained French oak barrels: 50% in new oak and the balance in two-year-old barrels, specifically selected for cedar, tobacco and spice characters. After 12 months, a barrel selection assessment was undertaken to identify those parcels deemed as 'exceptional' and these were returned to barrel for a further 12 months' maturation prior to bottling.

CELLARING NOTES

Crafted for immediate enjoyment but will cellar over a long term under ideal conditions.





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TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol	14.0%	Acid	7.01g/litre
PH	3.41	Residual Sugar	1.32g/litre