



2016 MCPHERSON CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Andrew and Nicki McPherson established a small vineyard in country Australia in 1968. With their family's help they built one of Australia's leading wineries and are widely recognised as pioneers of the Australian Wine Industry. Today, McPherson Wines are being enjoyed in twenty six countries across the globe and are one of Australia's largest family owned wineries. The wines are celebrated for their beautifully crafted, fruit driven, Australian style.

Winemaker: Jo Nash

A jack of all trades, Jock McPherson had a wild and varied career as a writer, soldier, fisherman, publisher and PR man. His passion however, was winemaking. He planted his first vineyard in 1968, eventually passing it on to his only son Andrew who works in the company to this day.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Region	Goulburn Valley
Varietal	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol	14.5%
Best Consumed	2017 - 2022

JO'S WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The grapes for this Cabernet were picked and crushed during the cool of night, thus ensuring the retention of varietal character, while modern winemaking techniques were employed throughout, all of which help to create the signature McPherson Cabernet style. Fermentation took place in sweeping arm red fermenters, giving the wine a denser, richer colour and allowing for gentle flavour extraction. Softer tannins are also a result of this process, while careful attention was paid to the oak selection for the Cabernet. This wine was aged on French oak for approximately 8 months, giving the wine a noticeable, but not an excessive, oak influence. The inclusion of some central Victorian fruit into the blend has boosted both the colour and the intensity of flavour.

JO'S HARVEST NOTES

The best way to describe vintage 2016 is fast & furious! There was no orderly ripening of fruit, no luxury of white fruit followed by red fruit, it was like the flood gates opened and everything just rolled in at once. Again we had little rain and a very hot spring leading up to harvest, which meant things ripened faster than normal. Optimum flavours and ripeness came on more quickly than previous years and the only way around it was to pick as fast as we could. Thankfully we managed to juggle our way through it, and completed yet another successful harvest!

JO'S WINE DESCRIPTION

Jock's Cabernet is much like the man – smooth, no nonsense, elegant and will fit in at any occasion. It exhibits a rich, ripe berry and mint bouquet and displays a full flavoured, fleshy, fruit laden palate.

JO'S FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

Try this wine with a hearty barbequed steak, or a rich, spicy tomato based pasta dish such as Spaghetti Bolognese or Lasagne.

