

McPHERSON WINES

McPherson Family Vineyards Jock McPherson 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

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	South Eastern Australia
Varietal	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol	14.0%
Best Consumed	2019 - 2024



JO'S WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE NOTES

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

Vintage 2017 is best described as a waiting game. The season was very long with fruit slow to ripen and although the urge just to pick it all was there, we had to bide our time until we had optimal flavours and ripeness. Once I made the decision to pick the grapes came in at an orderly pace, although increased yields due to the rain in spring made the juggling game in the winery even more challenging, with tank space at a premium. We made it through our marathon 2017 vintage and are thrilled with the exceptional quality including a number of really extraordinary parcels.

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.

