



## The Pugilist Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

### Langhorne Creek

Sometimes you've got to stick up for yourself... Fight for what is right in this world and uphold some good old fashioned values. Of course, one must always retain ones' manners and obey the rules just ask the Pugilist. He's powerful, thick-skinned but well-bred and with the manners and sense of fair play of a true gent.

#### Vintage Conditions

Rare is the vintage that combines good yields and high quality but 2021 was just that. A remarkable vintage in that it was once again pandemic affected but that it was measured and mild with none of the heat spikes or drought conditions of recent years. With good levels of winter rains filling soil profiles, the mild weather with intermittent rains throughout the growing and ripening season ensured that fruit ripened over a long period of time and the vintage was one of the longest in recent history. The results are spectacular, healthy fruit, moderate sugars and complex flavours, have resulted in wines of beautiful balance, fragrance and varietal typicity.

#### Viticulture

Precise varietal expression and balance are what we seek to achieve and so picking time is of utmost importance. We pick just as flavours are approaching their peak rather than let them get over-ripe.

#### Winemaking

We retain whole berries in the ferment for vibrancy and we press relatively early to avoid astringent tannins.

#### Tasting

Benchmark Cabernet aromas of cassis, herbs and subtle hints of mocha. Lovely balance, rich fleshy fruit with a well-structured, lengthy finish.

**Alcohol:** 14%

**Total Acidity:** 6.75 g/l

**pH:** 3.64

**Residual Sugar:** <1 g/l

**SO<sub>2</sub>:** 69 mg/l

**Fining:** None

**Vegan:** Yes

**Vegetarian:** Yes

