



SMALL BATCH

**TECHNICAL**

Alcohol: 14.5%
Acidity: 6.4 g/L

WINEMAKER

Peter Warr

CELLARING

Now until 2026

Kx**2021 CABERNET MALBEC**

The Kilikanoon Experimental range, is an opportunity for our winemakers to try new techniques and styles of wine. Here the combination of two varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec creates a highly perfumed yet dense and hearty wine. This blend has long been celebrated in the Clare as the the cool nights and higher altitude of the valley ensure that this wine provides for all of the intrigue and interest that this unique blend can provide.

PLACE

Sectioned from our estate vineyards, the fruit was selected for how it was envisaged the two would integrate. The Malbec was harvested from one of the highest vineyards in Clare that benefits from the long setting sun light. The Cabernet was selected from a low lying block that runs along side a natural water course.

Our grapes are grown on Ngadjuri country.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2021 vintage saw a return to milder conditions from those of the previous season. Regenerating winter rains aided the vines in producing a full and balanced canopy. These mild conditions were embraced by both late ripening varieties - and allowed the fruit to develop fully in the cooler season.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested a day after each other and were crushed to a small open top fermenter. Approximately 5% of the Malbec rachis were returned to the must and plunged in. The must was then dropped to 4 degrees overnight. Following this, the chilling was turned off and the must was allowed to warm and naturally initiate ferment.

COLOUR

Deep garnet with a rich crimson hue at the edge of the glass.

NOSE

Broody dark and blue fruit aromas give way to soft hints of choc mint and freshly crushed violet notes.

GRAPE VAREITY

Cabernet 54%
Malbec 46%

PALATE

This full palate wine is driven by bright red berry flavours. This cassis compote is underpinned by fresh tomato leaf notes which is accentuated by a mimicking tannin. This varietal note is soothed by the Malbec's velvety nature which seamlessly integrates the lifted sweet notes from the oak.