



SMALL BATCH

**GRAPE VAREITY**

Cabernet 56%
Malbec 44%

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 14.0%
Acidity: 5.3 g/L

Kx**2022 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 2022 vintage has been described as classic Clare with cool and dry conditions producing solid yields and fruit with great varietal character and natural acidity. Good late-winter and early-spring rains led to an even budburst, good early canopy growth and contributed to mitigating frost damage. Dry conditions prevailed from November onwards, with rainfall well below average for the remainder of the growing season.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested and crushed to a small open top fermenter. Approximately 10% 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 red with a bright 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.

PALATE

This full palate wine is driven by bright red berry flavours. This cassis compote is underpinned by a fresh cherry which is accentuated by cola like freshness on the finish. This varietal 'leafy' note of the cabernet is soothed by the Malbec's velvety nature which seamlessly integrates the lifted sweet notes from the oak.