



CLASSIC CLARE

CLARE VALLEY

CABERNET
SAUVIGNON
2016

Winemaker's Notes

Established in 1893, Leasingham has been an integral part of the Clare Valley for over 100 years. Today, we select only our most outstanding wines for release under the premium Classic Clare label. Consistent show success rewards the depth and integrity of these distinctly regional wines.

Vintage 2016 proved to be quite unique with high quality fruit being delivered to the winery with well above average yields. Cool winter and warm spring was preceded by a late rainfall event that boosted vine growth and refreshed soils. Closer to harvest bumper crops were aided into ripening by mild-summer temperatures and sporadic rain. Picking at optimum maturity has resulted in wines which display vibrant bright colours with ripe flavour profiles, rounded flavoursome palates and soft fine tannins

Produced only in outstanding vintages, the hand harvested fruit was small batch, open fermented, basket pressed and matured in French oak barriques before bottling and maturation. The 2016 Leasingham Classic Clare Cabernet is an excellent wine from a great vintage showing the unique qualities of Clare Valley with black berry, red currants, dark cherries, mint chocolate and bay leaf. Fine velvety tannins combine with elegant balance and a fine structure to provide a wine of considerable poise and persistence.

Cellaring for up to 15 years will further enhance this classic Clare Valley wine.

Tasting Notes

Wine Style

Dry 1 2 3 4 5 Sweet

Light 1 2 3 4 5 Full bodied

Colour

Brilliant, dark blood red in appearance with purple hues.

Bouquet

A complex mix of red currants, blackberries, plums and mulberries with hints of musk, mint and black olive. French oak and cinnamon spice notes add interest and complexity.

Palate

A powerful yet elegant wine exhibiting layers of flavour and complexity. Red and black currants, plums, and dark cherries flavours mix seamlessly with hints mint, dark chocolate and subtle cedar spice. Fine velvety tannins and French oak maturation provide an impressive structure soft plush texture and

Alcohol 14.5%	Winemaker Matthew Caldersmith	Malolactic Fermentation 100%	Climate Continental
Acidity 6.49 g/L	Region Clare Valley	Cellaring Enjoy now to 15 yrs	Age of Vines 35+ years
pH 3.61	Grape Variety Cabernet Sauvignon	Oak Maturation 100% French oak barrel maturation for 16 months	Harvesting Hand

