



Little Giant Malbec Shiraz 'Little Batch' 2020

Grape Variety: Malbec, Shiraz

Region: Clare Valley

Winemaker: Nicholas Crampton

Closure: Screwcap

Alcohol: 14.5%

Pack Size: 6 Bottle Pack

Summary: The southern hairy-nose wombat is smaller than other wombats but is stocky, robust and the proud state emblem of South Australia. Like the might of the little wombat, Little Giant is crafted from premium regional South Australian fruit from established vineyards that deliver character and interest well above their size and weight.

Hand-crafted and made with minimal additions and preservatives, these are wines made of the vineyard. The grapes are picked at optimal ripeness, minimally handled in the winery and fruit vibrancy is not hidden by non-essential artefact. Seeking first and foremost fruit expression, drinkability and to be a great accompaniment to food. Don't let the size fool you, these are wines you'll want to drink.

Winemaking: A classic Clare Valley blend where Malbec seems to thrive. Malbec is a variety that loves Clare and its soils, the daily warmth and cool evenings during harvest. Minimal time in oak barrels of up to 3 months. The essence of this blended wine is to showcase youthful Malbec fruits with its vibrancy and freshness.

Vintage 2020: 2020 was a challenging vintage being one of the hottest and driest on record. Windy conditions at flowering meant an uneven fruit set that meant lower yields. Despite lower crops the quality was high and the best examples are shining.

Tasting Note: Bright, thick skinned and slightly tannic Malbec is enhanced by a judicious splash of fragrant, blue and red berried spicy Shiraz. The palate is full bodied and packed with flavour with a great deal of weight and concentration on the long finish. Good drinking now but certain to improve with careful cellaring. Look no further than pairing it with roast lamb.