

## Little Giant Free Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

<b>Grape Variety:</b>	<b>100% Cabernet Sauvignon</b>
<b>Region:</b>	<b>McLaren Vale</b>
<b>Winemaker:</b>	<b>Corey Ryan &amp; Mike Brown</b>
<b>Closure:</b>	<b>Cork</b>
<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
<b>Pack Size:</b>	<b>6 Bottle Pack</b>

**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.

Little Giant gets a natural and organic makeover thanks to some authentic lo-fi winemaking. The wines are the result of a collaboration between McLaren Vale winemaker Mike Brown and Corey Ryan of Little Giant – the wines are exclusively sourced from a single estate vineyard in McLaren Vale. These are fresh, immediately drinkable, deliciously food friendly wines that are the essence of one of South Australia's favourite wine regions.

**Winemaking:** Sourced from a single site vineyard in McLaren Vale that is farmed with organics and biodynamics. All the fruit was picked during the early morning to retain colour and flavour retention and then crushed and fermented for a period of up to 10 days. Following primary fermentation the wine was pressed off into a small parcel of new but mostly into older oak for malolactic fermentation and maturation where it was held for a period of 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

**Vintage 2021:** After a forgettable 2020 winemakers in McLaren Vale were buoyed by what can only be described as a dream vintage. The great season was due to a wet winter, allowing the vines to grow a good canopy followed by a cool, dry summer which ensured even ripening. The results saw not just great quality fruit but yields were up too. A great vintage for the Vale.

**Tasting Note:** There's no mistaking this is Cabernet, so completely varietal. Aromatically fresh with vibrant blackcurrant with hints of sage and rosemary and an interesting herbal edge. Concentrated dark berry fruit complemented by seductive spice and intense fruit concentration on the long finish with great depth of flavour. Perfect to drink now or cellar confidently for 5+ years.

