



## Bleeding Heart Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

**Grape Variety:** 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Shiraz  
**Region:** South Australia  
**Winemaker:** Jim Zerella  
**Closure:** Screwcap  
**Alcohol:** 13.5%



**Summary:** Bleeding Heart Wine was born from a shared passion in the wines and vineyards of South Australia. The ancient soils and moderate climate create rich and full-bodied wines that are incredibly satisfying. Few that experience the lifestyle of food and wine or the beautiful landscape could argue that it is not better a bleeding heart than none at all.

**Vineyards:** Sourced from a combination of established, dry-grown vineyards in central South Australia. Wines are made and matured by Jim Zerella in McLaren Vale. The the fruit source for these well-balanced wines displays excellent intensity of flavour whilst maintaining elegance and versatility as a food match.

**Winemaking:** Fruit is chilled before de-stemming and a cold soak for three days. Each parcel is fermented separately with the Cabernet Sauvignon fruit fermented in small open two tonne vessels before maturation in two to four-year-old oak barrels for six months.

**Vintage 2020:** 2020 had its challenges with a dry start and only a small portion of rain and with much of the country suffering drought conditions. The warm dry spell continued in December with some extreme hot temperature days recorded. It was a late ripening year and yields were down but despite the challenges it will be another excellent vintage across South Australia.

**Tasting Note:** Nicely varietal Cabernet nose showing dark fruit intensity underpinned by savoury oak. An opulent take on Cabernet, the palate is full of dark berries and ripe plums before an impressively long finish enhanced by fine tannins. This wine is a great balance between easy going approachability counterpointed by definition and structure.