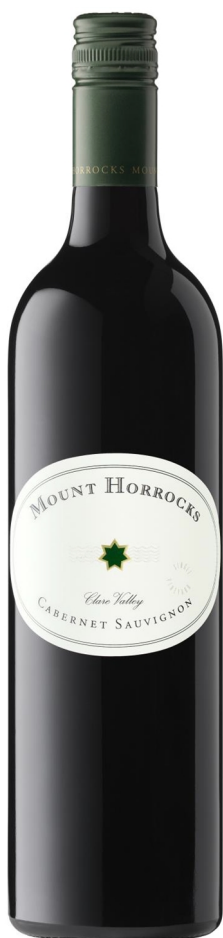


Mount Horrocks,  
**Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2020**  
Clare Valley, South Australia, Australia

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### PRODUCER

Mount Horrocks Wines is run by proprietor/winemaker Stephanie Toole. Stephanie restricts production to approximately 2,500 cases per annum in order to achieve her aims of quality and single vineyard expression. Stephanie describes her wines as 'essentially hand made food wines with an emphasis on structure as well as generous fruit flavours'. All grapes are 100% estate grown from three separate vineyard sites totalling nearly 10 hectares which were 'A grade certified' by Australian Certified Organic and Biodynamic (ACO) in 2014 and 2021 respectively. Her persistence with classic, no-compromise winemaking and a fully integrated organic and biodynamic approach to growing and making sets Mount Horrocks apart from the mainstream.

### VINEYARDS

The Cabernet Sauvignon is picked by hand from Mount Horrocks' single vineyard in the cooler Watervale sub-region of the Clare Valley. The fruit is grown organically from low-yielding vines.

### VINTAGE

Clare Valley experienced another dry growing season. Rainfall in winter was below average, so the soil moisture remained low. There was some frost in October and wind during flowering in November, which slowed ripening. Fortunately, Mount Horrocks was not affected by the fires and smoke taint. The quality of the fruit in 2020 was excellent.

### VINIFICATION

Hand-picked from Stephanie's low yielding vineyard, the grapes were fermented in open top fermenters. The ferment was gently plunged 3-4 times a day. A gentle pressing followed fermentation before the wine then spent 18 months ageing in French oak barriques, of which 35% were new.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine has a great depth of colour. Classic Cabernet aromas of black currant and herb with a hint of green leaf. A wine of great concentration, with fine-grained stylish tannins, lovely oak integration and tremendous length of flavour. The wine is composed and elegant on the finish.

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| Grape Varieties | <b>100% Cabernet Sauvignon</b> |
| Winemaker       | <b>Stephanie Toole</b>         |
| Closure         | <b>Screwcap</b>                |
| ABV             | <b>14.3%</b>                   |
| Bottle Sizes    | <b>75cl</b>                    |