

Grosset,

## `Gaia` Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon/Cabernet Franc

2021

Clare Valley, South Australia, Australia

# GROSSET



### PRODUCER

Jeffrey Grosset's love of Riesling began at 15 when his father came home with a bottle to share with the family. This bottle was enough to inspire a young Jeffrey to enrol in the local agricultural college and complete qualifications in both Agriculture and Oenology by the age of 21. After honing his craft in Australia and Germany, he bought an old milk depot in the Clare Valley town of Auburn, founding his eponymous winery in 1981. Since then, through great skill and exceptional vineyard management, this old milk depot has been transformed into one of Australia's finest wineries. 'Polish Hill' Riesling has cult status and Jeffrey has long enjoyed an enviable reputation for producing world class, age-worthy wines.

### VINEYARDS

Planted at an elevation of 570 metres, the Gaia vineyard is the highest vineyard in the Clare Valley. Consisting of two hectares of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, this strikingly beautiful site is extremely challenging and requires careful management. Hard red rock predominates, and the rocky outcrops that break through the earth prevent inter-row cropping and weed control through tillage. Instead, seed is broadcast by hand and grasses and clovers encouraged to regenerate.

### VINTAGE

2021 was an excellent vintage in the Clare Valley. Summer was cool, which promoted a slow, gentle ripening. The quality of the fruit was excellent and yields were slightly lower than average due to a lack of water.

### VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand picked, crushed and destemmed into tank at a cool temperature to undergo a cold soak. Fermentation and malolactic fermentation took place in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The wine was then racked to oak, of which 45% was new and the remaining between one and two years old, for an 18 month maturation period. Bottling followed without fining or filtering and the wine was aged for a further year in bottle before release.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Grosset 'Gaia' shows the benefit of low yields in the intensity of its flavours, power, and the promise it holds for its future. There are vibrant bramble, blackcurrant, and dark cherry aromas, before a palate which shows power, weight and depth of flavour. The tannins are fine and elegant.

Grape Varieties	<b>95% Cabernet Sauvignon</b> <b>5% Cabernet Franc</b>
Winemaker	<b>Jeffrey Grosset &amp; Brent Treloar</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>14%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>0.8g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>6.9g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.42</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>

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