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2020 CABERNET MERLOT d'SOUMAH



2020 VINTAGE

The further we got into winter, the colder and wetter it became to the past 25-year average. Spring continued in this vein with temperatures cooler than average, and rainfall higher, with the dam filling naturally in late November. December bucked the trend with abnormally high temperatures, five days above 35°C degrees and three days above 40°C and very low rainfall. This mirrored the rest of the country where the drought and high temperatures prevailed throughout Queensland and New South Wales.

We thought we were staring down a very hot, dry summer to come, however, January and February brought generally cooler weather and significantly higher rainfall than normal (112mm more). Furthermore, the season started to lengthen with picking dates extending out as much as two weeks more than has been the norm recently for some varieties.

TASTING

This is an elegant Cabernet Merlot displaying prominent blackcurrant fruit flavours combined with dark plums and hints of tobacco and cedar. The structure and fine tannins from the Merlot add a charming softness, while the smooth and savoury finish is characteristic of the Yarra Valley. Drink now for its balance or cellar for its potential!

PAIRING

Wood fire grilled rib eye on the bone with a simple jus or mushroom sauce.

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