



## 2018 'The Blend'

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Variety: Merlot 54% / Cab Sauv 34% / Cab Franc 9% / PV 2%

Region: Coonawarra

Vineyard(s): Avery, Silage, Rise, Gumtree, Dunstan

Soil(s): Terra Rossa

Viticulture: Sustainable / Experimental Organic Practices

Fermentation: Native

Elevage: 30 percent new French oak for 12 months

Alc: 14.5%

“Combines 54/34/9% merlot/cabernet sauvignon/cabernet franc and the all-important 1% glug of petit verdot. Reflecting its regional bearings brilliantly and a bargain to boot. Florals, red fruits, just a hint of raspberry confectionary and no shortage of spices either. Medium bodied at best, a coating of furry ripe tannins and sweet fruit crossing to a savouriness.”

- Wine Companion, 92 Points

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### THE WINE

“Dark red in color, the nose is intense with aromas of blackberry, blueberry and anise combined with delicate smoky-coffee French oak. The palate is medium bodied with a soft round Merlot mouthfeel and black fruit flavors, with a touch of liquorice and blueberry. This wine will reward careful cellaring, and we recommend decanting before drinking.”

- Balnaves

### THE WINEMAKER

Doug Balnaves and his wife Annette established Balnaves of Coonawarra with their first 5 hectares of vineyards planted in 1975. Doug's children, Kirsty and Pete, returned home to join the family company in 1990. The Balnaves winery was constructed in 1995, and current winemaker, Jacinta Jenkins, joined the team in 2020.

Now with 58 hectares of sustainably farmed (with many organic practices) vineyards, the Balnaves family operate with an unmatched knowledge of the region and strong sustainable values and expectations toward their land and each other.



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