



# HICKINBOTHAM

CLARENDON VINEYARD

*The Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard covers a steep cut of country from the ridgetops above the village of Clarendon to the Onkaparinga River in the gorge below. Since its establishment in 1971, the Hickinbotham vineyard has become a part of Australia's wine heritage, supplying fruit to produce many of Australia's greatest wines. At the helm of the historic vineyard since 2012, winemaker Christopher Carpenter is continuing the winemaking legacy that began at Hickinbotham nearly 50 years ago.*

## TRUEMAN

CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
MCLAREN VALE  
— 2017 —

2017 was a cooler year in McLaren Vale. The carryover from the 2016 rains into a perfect spring and then a cooler ripening season was ideal for Bordeaux varieties that need time on the vine to develop phenolic flavor rather than sugar, while maintaining acidity and structure. The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon shines this year with dusted cocoa, blackberry, anise; a middle body that is velvet to the touch with a tannin backbone that carries this wine for minutes after you have swallowed.

### CRAFTING THE WINE

Cabernet Sauvignon Blocks 208 & 209 (22%), 300's Block-314-315-316 (28%), rest of the 200's Block (50%)

Hand picked, 100% destemmed and whole berry sorted with light berry breaking to open fermentation. A 4 day cold soak, pumped over daily with minimum 18 days on skins. Basket pressed with light pressings added back to free-run, hard pressings separate.

Racked 2 times over 15 months prior to bottling. Matured in a selection of new and old Bordeaux coopered barrels.

### WINEMAKER

Chris Carpenter

### HARVESTED

5th & 6th, 11th & 12th April, 2017

### DETAILS

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.0% | TA: 6.4 | pH: 3.65 | 2,600 cases

### ACCLAIM

96 points - *James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2019 Edition*

95 points - Nick Stock, *JamesSuckling.com*, August 2018