

THE OTHER WINE Co.



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2019 Cabernet Franc, Kangaroo Island

We let the imagination run wild on this one. What if you could source some Cabernet Franc from Kangaroo Island? Well we did, and it is a perfect marriage of variety and place: intense, varietal and fresh with no lack of tannin or savoury character.

Climate | Cool, windy, maritime.

Season | The 2019 growing season was challenging but those that made the most of it produced small crops of very clean fruit with wonderful flavour and intensity and natural acidity.

Vineyards | One outstanding grower in the centre of the island. The well established and gently sloping vineyard is at 200m above sea level. Vines are closely planted at 2m x 1m and the shale and limestone rich soil is particularly well drained.

Winemaking | Having the first vintage under our belt in 2018, we entered 2019 with a much better handle on grape and site. Hand picked and sorted, then destemmed for a 100% whole berry ferment in a closed stainless steel fermentor. Small berries with great concentration allowed us to take a hands-off approach as the wine revealed intriguing vintage character. Basket pressed to old French barriques and a 1000 litre foudre. Bottled in December 2019.

Style | Textured, fresh, perfumed.

Nose | Lifted and airy with violets, satsuma plum, bramble, blackberry and pencil lead.

Palate | 2019 is lithe and approachable beast, with a supple quality to the tannins that makes just one glass an impossible place to stop. Savoury fruit, medium weight and a fascinating ironstone edge deliver complexity in spades too.

Alcohol | 13.5% **RS** | 0.12g/L **pH** | 3.6 **TA** | 5.0g/L

Drink | Ideal drinking now and for up to another 5 years.

About The Other Wine Co. | Making wines from the right grape, grown in the right place. Really good matches of variety and place take a long time to become established, but when they do, the proof is in the glass. The Other Wine Co. wines are entirely vinified and bottled at Shaw + Smith in the Adelaide Hills and the young team is driven to explore other regions, different varieties and experimental winemaking styles.

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