



# CHAIN OF PONDS



## Novello 2017 Cabernet Merlot

### VINEYARD

Sourced from 2 vineyards, The Cabernet Sauvignon from Kuitpo in the southern Adelaide Hills and the Merlot from Langhorne Creek. The Cabernet was picked at optimal ripeness to display dark brooding fruit with a hint of mint. Blended with a small portion of Merlot to give fleshiness to the mid palate and a touch of ripe plum.

### WINERY

Both parcels were destemmed only to Potter Fermenter and chilled to 20 degrees, inoculated with a varietal enhancing yeast strain and allowed to stay on skins for 8 days while fermenting to 1 baumé. Pressed to tank with the Cabernet then matured in french oak for 10 months. Left on lees for the entire time it is on oak to build some texture, before being blended, clarified and bottled to retain vibrancy and lifted primary fruit.

### COLOUR

Brilliant vibrancy with intense purple hues and intense plum red colour.

### BOUQUET

Lifted aromas of blackcurrant and mulberry with nuances of raspberries, blueberries and redcurrant. A supporting savoury lift of dried herbs and wild mint are balanced by dark chocolate and subtle wood spice.

### PALATE

Well balanced palate with tight acidity, intense and vibrant dark berry fruits with nuances of blueberry and plum and balanced with subtle savoury notes. Velvety tannins give approachability and drinkability while still giving structure and texture to the wine. Brilliant length and richness are balanced by a restrained acid backbone that gives drive and intensity to the wine.

### CELLARING

Enjoy young to 7 years.

### MATCH

A great match for kangaroo fillet with a plum jus, beetroot risotto or a charcuterie board.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Winemaker: Greg Clack  
93% Cabernet Sauvignon  
7% Merlot  
Bottled: March 2017  
Alcohol: 14.3%v/v

Acid: 6.4 g/L  
pH: 3.48  
Residual Sugar: 1.1 g/L  
Sulphur: 157