

# WOODSTOCK



## Collett Lane Cabernet Sauvignon McLaren Vale 2023

### VINEYARD

Established : 1988  
Size: 1.62Ha  
Aspect: North West  
Soil: Deep Sand over Clay  
Elevation: 120m

### BACKGROUND

A single vineyard of Cabernet Sauvignon (Clone LC10 on Ramsey rootstock) was planted in 1988 on the estate by Scott Collett. At first the block was referred to as the 'Pines Block', planted near a stand of pine trees. After felling the pines and planting native trees, the name changed to the 'Pineless Block'. Eventually, the local council agreed to Doug Collett's wish to call the unmade road 'Collett Lane', this was adopted as the final name. This block is on the same sandy ridge as 'The Stocks' Shiraz vineyard.

### WINEMAKING

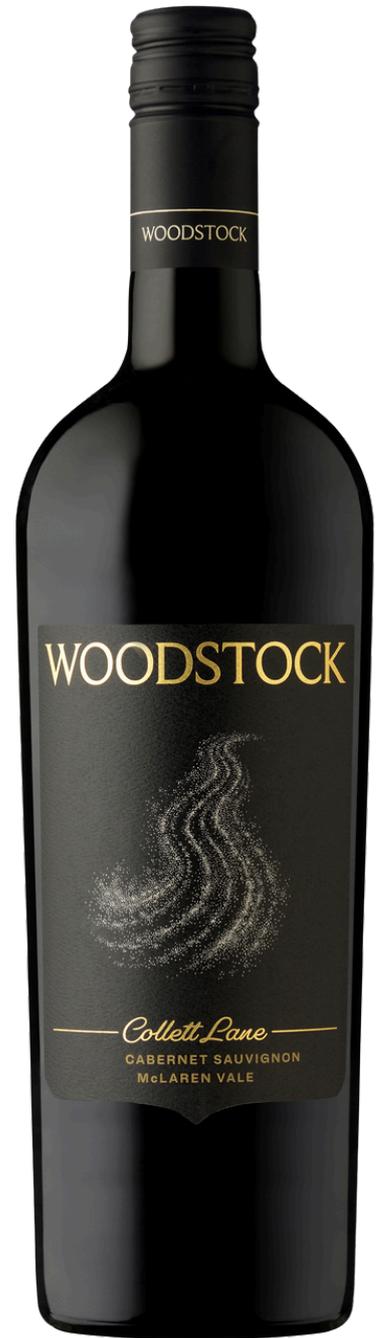
Traditional fermentation practices were used to ensure that colour extraction and fruit concentration are expressed in the final wine. After completion of secondary fermentation in oak, the wine was then racked and returned to oak for at least 18 months maturation. Carefully selected French and American oak barrels were used for oak ageing to guarantee structure and balance. Only the best barrels from this block are selected each year for this flagship Cabernet Sauvignon.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine impressively showcases intense aromas of ripe purple fruits, herbaceous aniseed, and subtle spice. The palate harmonizes vibrant fruits with silky tannins, complemented by well-integrated new oak, enhancing richness and complexity. The opulent mid-palate of this wine is a testament to McLaren Vale's exceptional Cabernet grapes, providing fleshy fruit weight with tannins that finish soft and rich. Collett Lane really comes into its own when aged in bottle. This is a wine that will reward your patient cellaring with the further development of its unique terroir characteristics. We believe fifteen to twenty years will be the sweet spot, if stored at a constant sub-20°C temperature. Pair with a Lamb Roast or a slow cooked Veal Osso Bucco.

### FROM THE WINEMAKER

This wine is a standout example of premium McLaren Vale Cabernet. While the region is best known for Shiraz, Cabernet here more than holds its own among Australia's finest. The cooler 2023 vintage meant this parcel wasn't picked until April 25, allowing for a long, gentle ripening period. Mild conditions through the season encouraged slow, even flavour development while preserving bright natural acidity.



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