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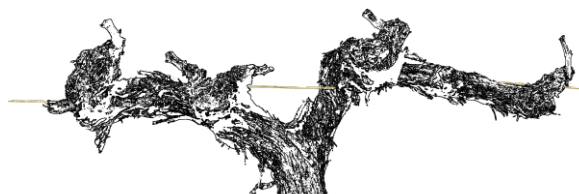
2018 “Dabbler” Cabernet/Carmenere

Tasting note: – A big splash of Carmenere at 33%. Partially co-fermented, then matured in 2nd use Hogsheads and Barriques. Plum purple colour. The aromas are soft with notes of red berries, plums and mixed herbs. The flavour is smooth and supple with mouth-watering acids. It starts at the front of the palate with primary fruit and builds, making you think of fresh cut sage and the smells of a bushwalk. The acid frames the palate beautifully and leaves you wanting more. Your glass will not be big enough.

Grape Variety: 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Carmenere

Alcohol: 14.4% Vol

Wild Duck Creek Estate is a small family-run winery situated 8km west of Heathcote, alongside the Wild Duck Creek itself. David (aka ‘Duck’) and Diana planted the first vines in 1974 and in 1979 named the first vineyard “Alan’s Cabernet Vineyard”, after Duck’s late father Alan. The “Original Vineyard” was planted in 1988 on land owned by Diana’s parents. Traditional winemaking methods including hand-picking, open fermentation, hand-plunging, basket-pressing, and long-term barrel-ageing are fostered, as is the use biodynamic principles on their own vineyards. Duck remains adamant however, that it’s still the vineyard and site selection especially, that dictate great wines. Second-generation winemaking has flourished for more than a decade through Liam, whose methodical yet innovative approaches merge fantastically with Duck’s eccentricity – a humorous and brilliant concoction! The estate’s passion is to produce extraordinary wines of balance and power that enrich and delight the senses.



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