



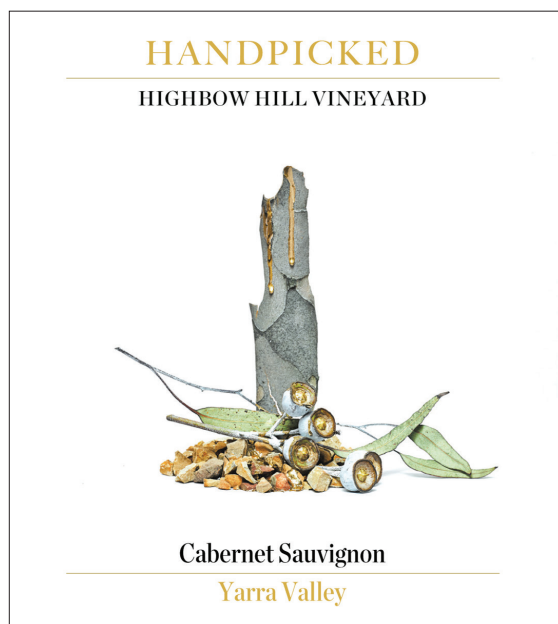
HANDPICKED™ WINES



Awarded a Red 5 Star Winery Rating
by James Halliday Wine Companion

2014 Handpicked Highbow Hill Yarra Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

"This is an elegant, perfumed Cabernet with lovely purity of fruit."
Gary Baldwin, 2016



The Region: Highbow Hill Vineyard is 40 hectares of vines planted on rolling hills just north of Yarra Glen township in the Yarra Valley, one of Australia's oldest and most revered wine regions. It is a cool-to-moderate region known for refined and elegant Cabernet wines. Highbow Hill soils are sandy loam over clay and gravel over Yarra Valley mudstone. The Cabernet vines were planted in 1997. Handpicked Wines purchased the vineyard in 2013 and has invested heavily in the property, planting new vines, erecting new fencing and upgrading viticultural practices to realise the best potential of this exceptional site.

Technical Info: This wine is from a single high-performing block at Highbow Hill Vineyard. This is a monoclonal wine of G9V3 Cabernet Sauvignon, an unfashionable clone in some circles, but in this vineyard, on this hill, a superb example of the variety. The fruit was hand harvest in late-March/early April and fermented in static red fermenters. The wine was aged in French oak barriques, 40 per cent new, for 15 months.

The Wine: A captivating nose of blackberry and dark cherry fruits with mocha and chocolate oak character. The medium weight palate has savoury berry flavours, robust tannins and a long finish. This wine will complement barbecued or roasted lamb dishes or beef stir fry.



95 Points
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