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## Coughlan Estate

### CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Nestled amongst the glorious rolling hills of Donnybrook, is the hidden gem of Coughlan Estate - home to some of the oldest vines in the region. Coughlan Estate is a dry-grown vineyard with a very hands on approach. Focusing on traditional viticultural practices, everything is hand - picked at vintage, and the vines are carefully hand-pruned and tended throughout the year. The wines themselves are crafted by the ever-talented Bruce Dukes & Remi Guise.

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Compared to previous vintages, we had a cooler lead up into the season, which meant bigger canopies and a later start for some. Vintage got underway at the end of February. Yields were a little up, but anticipated to be similar to 2020. With picking successfully undertaken at optimum ripeness, we are very pleased with the fruit this season.

#### WINEMAKING

The fruit is hand-harvested, de-stemmed and lightly crushed so that each berry is just split. This ensures a slow release of sugar, tannin and flavour, and results in higher levels of aromatics and greater control of tannin extraction and sculpting. A cool ferment in traditional open top fermenters takes place over 18 days, with plunges 3 times daily in order to ensure full extraction of the coating Cabernet Sauvignon tannin. The wine was then separated from the skins and transferred to a selection of French oak Barriques, where it was aged for 9 months before blending, clarification and bottling.

#### TASTING NOTES

A dense array of black fruits and lifted tones of violets greet on the nose, dotted with hints of allspice and dried thyme. Clear lines of red fruit tannin, cassis and red cherries guide the palate, bolstered by a coating core of graphite, blue berries and a persistent and mineral finish.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Vintage: 2021  
Winemaker: Remi Guise  
Grape Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
Bottled: January 2023  
Growing Area: Donnybrook Home Estate  
Alc: 13.6 %  
Cellar Potential: Up to 8 years.

