



CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

FREEMAN VINEYARDS

Freeman Vineyards is located in the Hilltops region of New South Wales. This specialist family wine company was established in 1999 by Dr Brian Freeman, previously professor of Wine Science at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga.

The 200-hectare estate comprises several elevated vineyard blocks located within a radius of 10 kilometres on a 560-meter ridge. This high and cool location and the well-structured free-draining decomposed granite soils have proven ideally suited to viticulture.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

One variety that is synonymous with the cool Hilltops terroir is cabernet sauvignon – the classic Australian variety that thrives in a continental climate where warm days and cool nights are integral to cultivating balance and complexity.

The Altura Vineyard encompasses a block of mature 45-year-old cabernet vines. Selected bunches are handpicked with a typical yield of four tonnes per hectare.

The 2022 season was marked by a cool spring and summer with unseasonal rainfall but thankfully autumn was sunny and dry and the grapes ripened slowly and evenly, ideal for the final development of the fully ripe bunches. The grapes were harvested in early April with good acidity and balance.

TASTING NOTES

FREEMAN Cabernet Sauvignon 2022 is a deep magenta coloured young wine marked by ripe but fresh mulberry aromas and hints of cassis and cedar. The gentle tannin frame is balanced by ample flavour producing an integrated, smooth and persistent palate. Rich, lush and long. A pure appealing and characteristic expression from a region recognised for its quality cabernets.