

## Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Sevenhill Vineyard, Mitchell Wines

Clare Valley, Australia



<b>Product code</b>	MW06ZZRC
<b>Grapes</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Country</b>	AUSTRALIA
<b>ABV%</b>	13
<b>Case Size</b>	6
<b>Closure Style</b>	Screw Cap
<b>Producer</b>	Mitchell Wines
<b>Vintage</b>	2017



### Producer

Run by Andrew and Jane Mitchell and their son Angus, this winery has gone from strength to strength since its inauguration in 1975. Sited 120 kilometres north of Adelaide and standing at 80 ha of sustainably farmed vineyard, the estate is widely recognised as one of the world's leading Riesling producers as well as being highly respected for their Semillon and intensely flavoured, well structured, long lived reds. Their grapes come from four main vineyard sites in the Clare Valley where the altitude ranges from 300-450 metres which allows the fruit to ripen more slowly and evenly with drops from 40°C during the day to 1°C at night being common during the main ripening months. Soils are primarily loam over limestone. No artificial herbicides or pesticides are used in the vineyards.

### Tasting Notes

"A wine firmly in the 'claret' tradition. Picked quite early in the season to preserve the delicate fragrance of the cabernet grape. Released at 7 years of age the wine has a superb mature nose still showing some blackcurrant aromas but also cedary character of mature cabernet. The palate has cabernet austerity, a fine dry palate and long lingering dry tannins." Shows strong primary fruit on the nose, with overtones of dusty new french oak aromas. The pallet is full flavoured with cassis and black current, a dry mounth feel with firm tannins through to the finish. The essential ingredients - fruit, oak, acidity and tannins - are present in the right proportions.

### Viticulture

Sited 120 kilometres north of Adelaide the estate covers 80 hectares of vineyard. The grapes come from four main vineyard sites in the Clare Valley where the altitude ranges from 300-450 metres with drops in temperature from 40°C during the day to 1°C at night being common during the main ripening months. Soils are

## Winemaking

A late start to the growing season due to cool and wet weather, the wettest year since 2000 with 1000mm of rain. This led to a later start to vintage. The vines were in great condition with strong canopies and fruit was of a high quality across the board.

## Awards

95 pts Andrew Caillard - The Vintage Journal  
93 pts Halliday Wine Companion