



## SANDPIPER RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON - 2019

### Grape Varietal

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### Production area

Vin de Pays d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon, Southern France.

### Alcohol Level

13.5%

### Ageing & Storage

A 30% proportion has spent 3-6 months in some French and American oak. Best drunk with 18-24 months

### Tasting Note

The Languedoc-Roussillon is producing some of the best value, forward thinking, approachable wines coming out of France now. Using a combination of grapes picked at optimal maturity, some old vine parcels, hand picking and winemaking techniques that allow the fruit to shine, the new Sandpiper really shows that Alchemy's "little bird" is back with a bang.

The Sandpiper is a frequent visitor to the old maritime lagoon at the foothill of the Black Mountains where this beautifully crafted Cabernet Sauvignon has been made. Deep in colour, full of rich summer black fruit flavours with a touch of sweetness from the exceptionally ripe grapes. A lovely combination with any red meat roasts, hearty stews and game. When carefully selected and matured in French and American oak (to add layers of complexity, depth and quality), this Reserve wine really over delivered. New World meet Old World with definite French Finesse!

### Serving & Dining

16c/room temperature. Drink with steak, roast chicken, pork, veal chops, shepherd's pie – and with good quality sausages and burgers!

What our experts are saying

~ Alun Griffiths MW ~

*Rich, cassis and blackberry aroma, suggesting high ripeness. Quite sweet on the palate, concentrated and juicy, with moderate tannins and acidity. Not complex but highly commercial.*

~ Simon Field MV ~

*Modern Cabernet, but with the rough edges of precocity ironed out by skilful winemaking; an attractive fluorescent colour, then aromatics of kirsch and bilberry, a hint of forest floor in the distance. The palate is pleasingly sophisticated, with silky modestly grainy tannins and a gentle floral cadenza to hold the attention beyond the reassuring purity of the fruit.*

~ Anne McHale MV ~

*Some sour black cherry on nose, much more blackcurrant on palate, again fruit-forward and nicely gluggable with a fair amount of very powdery and fine-grained tannin. Lovely balance.*

~ Demetri Walters MW ~

*“Ripe blackcurrant. Full and expansive. Super expansive. A broad, ripe rendition of the Cabernet Sauvignon theme that can vary dramatically”*