

## **Printhie Wines Tasting Notes**

Wine Name	Printhie Topography Cabernet Sauvignon
Vintage	2023
Varietal	Cabernet Sauvignon 92%, Shiraz 8%
GI	Orange 100%
Vineyard(s)	Printhie (620m ASL, 100%)
Key Characteristics	Single vineyard. Estate grown. Vine age approaching 30 years old. Surprisingly good Cabernet vintage with cool growing conditions and a late harvest but lovely ripe fruit flavours. As a result there is good concentration with very distinctive varietal fruit. The lower elevation (for Orange) ensures good ripeness. Oak plays its role without being too heavy handed. Produced in a style that shows immediate appeal for early enjoyment but still having the ability to age.
Production Notes	Machine harvested from the vineyard next to the winery. Small batch ferments, hand plunged and gently pumped-over everyday, 14 days on skins for gentle tannin extraction and preservation of fruit purity. Matured in new (30%) as well as 1-3 year old French oak puncheons (500 litres) for 10 months and then 3,500 litre French oak foudre barrels until bottling.
Tasting Notes	Bright red colour. Cabernet should taste like Cabernet. Lovely varietal expression of ripe Cabernet – blackcurrant, redskin, without being green and herbal. There is a lick of cedary, vanillian new French oak. Tannins are kept in check so there is immediate drinkability. Nice balance and structure, supple texture.
Analysis	Alc – 13.9%, pH - 3.64, TA – 6.0gL, RS – 0.9gL
Cellaring	Hard to resist as a young wine but it does have cellaring potential over the next 5-8 years.
Bottling Date	September 2024