The aroma is clean and lifted with aromatic wild berries, hints of nettles and spearmint, all complexed with oak aromas of roasted chestnuts. The palate is elegant and finely structured, which is a hallmark of the 2017 vintage. Blackberry fruit flavours and fine emery tannins fill the length of the palate. A well balanced classically structured Cabernet Sauvignon.

Vines
Cabernet Sauvignon is regarded by many as the Clare Valley’s premier red variety and the region’s significant plantings support this view. At Sevenhill, we have 20.88 hectares of Cabernet Sauvignon. Fruit for the 2017 Inigo Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from three estate-grown vineyards with an average vine age of 20 years. Each vineyard’s high elevation contributes to cooler nights during the ripening period, giving the fruit more time to develop great depth of flavour.

Vintage
The March start to the Clare Valley’s 2017 vintage was reminiscent of bygone seasons, with some old hands recalling “how it used to be” before a changing climate pushed the first pick of harvest into early February. While ample rain in the winter and spring of 2016 laid a foundation for optimism, cooler temperatures in January and rain towards the end of the month slowed ripening in South Australia’s wine regions. A burst of hot weather in early February triggered some movement and crops began to ripen at a more normal pace in the kinder conditions.

Winemaking
The fruit was cold soaked for four days to extract maximum colour before the start of fermentation. The alcoholic fermentation lasted 10 days in stainless steel tanks, with twice-daily pump-overs. Following completion of malolactic fermentation, the wine was transferred to 30 percent new French oak, with the remainder going to up to four-year-old French hogsheads.

Bottled: February 2018
Alcohol: 15.5%
Standard drinks: 9.2
Acidity: 5.93 g/L
pH: 3.62
Residual sugar: 2.8 g/L

Sevenhill Cellars is the Clare Valley’s oldest winery, established by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1851. Proceeds from our wines support Australian Jesuits in their works of charity and compassion.