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"Layers of special upon special here, with beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon grapes sourced out of the holy Hickinbotham vineyard in the hallowed hills of Clarendon in the unicorn vintage of 2021. A wine that took time to unfurl from a tight ball of tannins to a supple softy; we gave it four weeks on skins, gently extracting flavours locked up in the small, dark berries, and over two years in big barrels in the cellar. All of this points to a long and healthy life ahead for this wine, yet equally expressive right now for the more impatient partaker."

~ Sam Berketa, Head Winemaker

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vintage</b>
Very Special	2021
<b>Variety</b>	<b>Region</b>
Cabernet Sauvignon	McLaren Vale

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#### **Nose**

Cola spice, dark fruit and cigar box.

#### **Palate**

Spice-laden and silky, there's richness married to delicate fruits robed in ferrous tannin structure.

#### **Pair**

Lamb shanks or ratatouille.

#### **Winemaking**

Picked in the early morning, 100% destemmed, gently hand plunged twice daily, 4 weeks total time on skins. Naturally fermented, spontaneous MLF. Matured for 28 months in lightly seasoned puncheons.

#### **Vineyard**

Hickinbotham Vineyard, Clarendon, McLaren Vale. In-conversion to biodynamic management. VSP spur pruned to a permanent cordon. 220m-240m elevation, NNE Aspect. Clay loam with ironstone gravel over sandstone and siltstone.

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<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>Acidity</b>
14.9%	6.3g/L
<b>pH</b>	<b>Cellaring</b>
3.63	15 Years

Alpha Box & Dice would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we make our wines and respect their ongoing connection to land, culture and sea. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

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