

# **ASKERNE 2021 MERLOT, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, PETIT VERDOT, CABERNET FRANC**

## **WINEMAKING NOTES**

The grapes for this wine were sourced from the upper and lower terraces of the Askerne vineyard, across different soil profiles from sandy silt through to gravels, giving wonderful complexity to the individual parcels that make up the blend. Each batch was fermented as individual varieties followed by extended post maceration on skins to build richness. After pressing, the wines were settled and racked to oak barriques. Here they completed malolactic fermentation and were matured for 12 months before blending. The final blend was made up of 60% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 4% Malbec, with a 20% new oak component.

## **ANALYSIS**

pH 3.70  
TA 5.8g/L  
Alc 13.5%

## **TASTING NOTE**

Wonderfully aromatic with bright plum and berryfruit aromas, dried herbs, sweet scented oak spice and a hint of red licorice. The palate is full of concentrated dark berry fruits with chocolate and licorice flavours, juicy and plush tannins and a long velvety finish.

## **AWARDS**

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