

# TRENTHAM



## CELLAR RESERVE

### 2017 NERO SAPERAVI

#### The Grapes

Nero d'Avola translates as 'black grape of Avola', originating from the Italian town after which it is named. First planted in Australia in 1998, it is a grape that can retain its acid in extreme heat and isn't demanding of precious water supplies.

Saperavi is a red variety native to Georgia in the former Soviet Union. Saperavi grapes are known for their dark pink flesh and very dark skins. It's a teinturier grape containing the red anthocyanin within the grape pulp as well as the skin.

#### The Harvest

'Late but great' sums up the 2017 vintage. Good rain in spring, followed by mild weather and only short heat waves resulted in grapes ripening slowly on the vine. It was certainly an unusually late harvest but the wines are something to be proud of – well balanced fruit, plenty of flavour and distinct varietal aromas.

#### The Winemaking

The wine is made in the Amarone style of northern Italy - a rich wine made from partially dried grapes. Nero d'Avola and Saperavi grapes were hand picked and air dried for 9 days before crushing, then co-fermented on skins for 10 days with regular pump-overs to enhance colour and tannin extraction. Post fermentation the wine was pressed and transferred to oak for malo-lactic fermentation and maturation. This wine has been matured for 18 months in a seasoned French oak puncheon.

#### The Wine

A dark and densely coloured wine showing intense and distinct aromas of wild cherry jam followed by hints of dried rose petal and spice. An explosion of flavours layers the palate with fruit cake, tobacco and bitter chocolate. Warm, full, rich and balanced.

#### With Food

A full-bodied wine that will go well with hearty dishes. Enjoy with red meat or your favourite tomato-based recipes.

#### The Cellar

A wine that will age well, it should cellar with great complexity for 10-15 years.

#### Technical Information

Alcohol:	13.5%
Acid:	5.6 g/l
pH:	3.44
Sweetness:	Dry

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