

# CLAYMORE

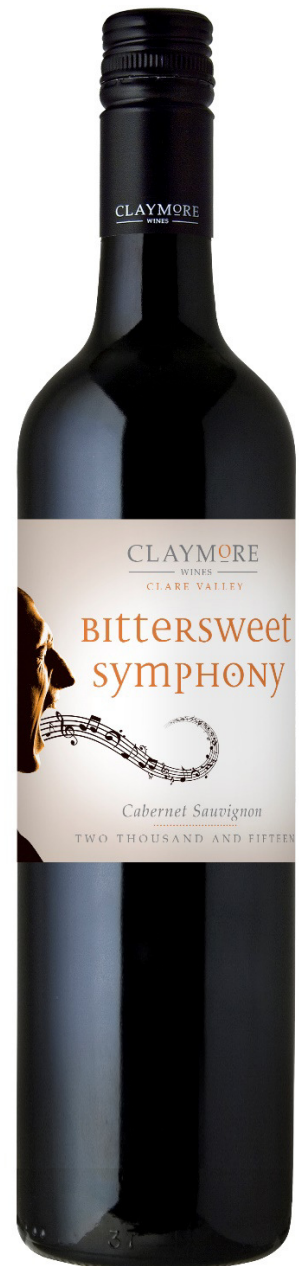
WINES

*Clare Valley*

## 2016 'BITTERSWEET SYMPHONY' CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NEW VINTAGE RELEASE

<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Marnie Roberts
<b>GRAPE VARIETY</b>	95% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Merlot
<b>REGION</b>	100% Clare Valley
<b>COLOUR</b>	Dark crimson.
<b>BOUQUET</b>	Pretty, inviting lifted varietal notes of blackcurrant, cassis and subtle menthol. As the wine opens up more savoury notes of dried herb, bay leaf and dark brambles. There is a hint of amarone-esque fruit concentration, a nod to the ripeness of some of our later harvested parcels.
<b>PALATE</b>	<p>An appealing, delicately balanced and finely structured wine, our 2016 Bittersweet is a generous, medium weight red displaying balanced, youthful fruit characters.</p> <p>This is a classic example of high altitude, Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon with the presence of 5% Merlot noticeable in the voluptuous mid palate. Well structured tannins persist on the finish complemented by flavours of an almost tarry, sour black cherry and Christmas cake.</p>
<b>GENERAL</b>	<p>A vintage to challenge us, 2016 come on in a rush and a roar as our Riesling and Shiraz fought for space in the winery. Cabernet was afforded a reprieve courtesy of late season rain events that helped our dry grown vines push through to optimal ripeness in mid April.</p> <p>Once again a smidge (that's a technical term) of Merlot gives so much to the finished wine by way of rounding out the edges and softening the sometimes bombastic personality of Cabernet Sauvignon.</p>
<b>SERVE WITH</b>	Cabernet is made for food – we've been drooling over the idea of braised beef short ribs flavoured with bay leaf and thyme with this one. Herbs that echo flavours in the cab sauv.
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.3%
<b>pH</b>	3.46
<b>TA</b>	6.75g/L



TOP TEN 'DARK HORSE' WINERY  
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