

Coopers

20/20TH VINTAGE

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Vintage Ale 2020 had to be special to recognise the 20th brew of the highly acclaimed Coopers Vintage Ale. The Coopers brewing team has revelled in the challenge of making an authentic Vintage Ale with that special twist we have become accustomed to.

Starting with the grist, the essence of any good brew, the team capitalised on having our on-site Malting plant. A special barley grown on the eastern slopes of the Adelaide Hills was chosen for the pale malt to which we added crystal and wheat malt. The barley variety is Leabrook, the latest, and sadly, the last barley variety to be released by the University of Adelaide. In a tribute to the long involvement and support that Coopers has provided to the barley development program, the barley was named Leabrook after the former site of Coopers Brewery for 120 years. The result of the artfully blended malt is a finely balanced, but robust brew of a delightful copper hue. The beer has a full malt flavour, combined with hints of nut and maple. The combination with crystal and wheat malt provide for a smooth mouthfeel and a fine creamy head.

With the experience gained since 1998 and the 19 previous brews of Vintage Ale, along with the challenge of delivering a 20/20 result, an exhaustive testing regime resulted in an incredible six varieties of hops being utilised. The selection paid tribute to some past favourites, whilst embracing some New World hops. With the precision of an orchestra conductor, the hops were added in five stages in the brewing process, including late and dry hopping. Unleashing the unique Coopers ale yeast to work its magic has resulted in a finely balanced and enticing Ale. The combination of Astra, Cascade, Centennial, Denali, Enigma and Simcoe delivers a stunning burst of fruit-filled flavours, with hints of peach, pineapple, fennel, spice and pine. There is truly a new experience in every mouthful. At an impressive 70 IBU, and with 200kg of hops in every brew, they have combined together better than an Olympic synchronised swimming team.

Presenting at 7.5% ABV, this all malt, bottle conditioned, hop-filled beauty is bound to delight the most discerning of beer drinkers today, and provide full rewards to those who can cellar it for longer. Best savoured at 4 to 6°C in a tulip shaped glass to bring out the best of the flavours and aroma.

355ml BOTTLE x 6 x 24, 50L KEG

ABV | 7.5%

IBU | 70

MALT | Crystal, Wheat, Leabrook

HOPS | Astra, Cascade, Centennial, Denali, Enigma, Simcoe