

# Diggers Bluff





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**Winemaker** Timothy O'Callaghan **Est.** 1998 **Cases** 3000 **Vyds** 1.9 ha

Timothy O'Callaghan explains that his family crest is an Irish hound standing under an oak tree; the Diggers Bluff label features his faithful hound Digger, under a Mallee tree. He is a third-generation O'Callaghan winemaker, and – reading his newsletter – it's not too hard to guess who the second generation is represented by. Diggers Bluff has cabernet sauvignon, shiraz, grenache, alicante and mataro, all old vines. Exports to the UK, the US, Canada, Singapore and Hong Kong.

 **Watch Dog 2002** The stark difference between the '03 (hot, rainy) and the '02 (very cool) vintages is reflected in the two Watch Dogs; this wine is long and savoury, with pleasing earthy nuances to the mainframe of black fruits. Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz. Cork. 14.5% alc. **Rating** 94 **To** 2017 **\$40**

 **Top Dog 2006** Rich, full-bodied wine with an array of black fruits tweaked on the finish by fresh acidity; the oak impact is significant, but appropriate. Shiraz. Cork. 15% alc. **Rating** 92 **To** 2021 **\$55**

**Watch Dog 2003** Largely mature, with some confit fruit notes and the threat of a break in the line and structure of the palate; however, the length is still there, as is the finesse of the tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz. Cork. 14.5% alc. **Rating** 90 **To** 2013 **\$40**

 **Stray Dog 2006** A light- to medium-bodied, savoury, tangy version of Grenache/Shiraz/Mataro, which has good length and a spicy finish. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. **Rating** 89 **To** 2013 **\$19**