

Elderton

BAROSSA VALLEY
ESTATE RANGE

2012 Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

History

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are grown exclusively on the Elderton Vineyard situated on the banks of the North Para River, Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley, South Australia. The 1988 vintage was chosen by Qantas for first class, the 1992 vintage won the prestigious Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy in 1993 and for the next two years won Gold and Trophy at the Barossa Wine Show. The 1994 vintage gave Elderton its first international gold medal at the London International Wine Show 1996. The 1998, once again won gold and trophy, in the Barossa Wine Show for the best regional Cabernet, and the 1999 won the trophy in Belgium for the best wine imported into the country. A proven consistent performer, we believe that the 2012 will continue in this trend.

Vineyard Information

The Elderton vineyard has very old deep alluvial soils over limestone with the majority of the Cabernet Sauvignon vines ranging between the ages of 35 to 50 years. With a Mediterranean climate, the Baumé reaches 13.5° to 14.5°.

Winemaker's Comments

2012 was an excellent vintage, with a long growing season allowing more balanced vines. The grapes from our Estate were picked and crushed into our concrete open fermenters, having a 24-hour cold soak before inoculation. Heading down boards were utilised after two days to keep the cap submerged, making finer tannin extraction without harsh phenols. Splashing-over of the wine helped increase oxygen and circulation through the skins. The wine was then pressed to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and racked three times over the next 18 months, before final blending and bottling. The 2012 shows the classic Barossa Cabernet characteristics of blackberries, cassis and beetroot earthiness and is drinking well today but will cellar well for 10+ years.

- Richard Langford

Style	Full bodied, rich
Colour	Deep purple
Aroma	Blackberry, cassis, beetroot
Flavour	Red berries, beetroot
Cellaring	Drink now to 10+ years from vintage



Vintage Details

Vintage	2012
Region	Barossa Valley
Variety	Cabernet Sauvignon
Maturation	18 months in French oak
Alc/Vol	14.5%
TA	6.9 g/L
pH	3.5