Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

ELDERTON WINES, BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

HARVEST & VINTAGE NOTES

The Ashmead family purchased their first estate vineyard in the middle of Nuriootpa in the late 1970s and since making their first wine from the 1982 vintage. Their 1992 Cabernet Sauvignon won the prestigious Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy in 1993, showcasing Elderton's ability to make great Cabernet. The second generation has since purchased two other exceptional vineyards in the east and west of the Barossa, with fruit from all three vineyards blended to make this 2019 Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon.

Grapes come from various plantings off three vineyard sites. In Greenock (27%), some very low yielding Cabernet planted in 1965. Next, fruit from Nuriootpa (22%) for structure and weight, with richer ripe characters of red fruit and cassis. And lastly, Craneford vineyard (51%) at slightly higher elevation and a cooler edge; which adds fragrance and perfume to the blend. These vineyards ripen differently, owing to their varying aspects, elevation and soil types. Winter 2018 was relatively dry and so created opportunity for frost. Fortunately this was not the case for Cabernet Sauvignon being a later variety for both bud burst and maturity. This dry beginning did lead to a very dry growing season.

The wine is a deep crimson color, with aromas of fresh chocolate, intense black forest fruits, licorice, and subtle mint leaf. On the palate, generous ripe black currant, blackberry, milk chocolate with hints of dried herbs. Deft use of oak supports the fruit up front, with mouth coating tannins that lengthen the finish.

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BAROSSA

WINEMAKER: Richard Langford

GRAPES: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.6 g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.0 g/L

pH: 3.5

TOTAL SULPHUR: 110 mg/L