



ROSS
BAROSSA

2008 SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

100% Barossa Cabernet

Vintage:

The 2008 Vintage started with a cool summer followed by a heat wave near the end of vintage. All of the grapes for this wine were harvested before this heat wave and hence retained good natural acidity and developed ink like colour.

Single Vineyard:

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are selected from the Ross Family Vineyard in the Southern Foothills of the Barossa from the 'Back Block'. Here the grapes thrive on the gentle sun soaked Northern slopes perched on the side of the gully. The soil is a rich Duplex structure of brown loam over red clay.

Winemaking:

Once the grapes have been identified to be of optimum ripeness for the style of wine, the separate parcels are brought into the winery where they are crushed directly into open top fermenters to which the yeast is added immediately. For 6-8 days following, the fermenting must is hand 'pumped-over' twice a day. The wine is then drained and the skins are pressed in our Air bag Press, which is gentle on the skins resulting in more softer and silkier tannin extraction. The merlot is then transferred into a combination of new & seasoned barrels for maturation over the next 18 months. When the wine is considered to have the optimum balance between fruit and oak integration, the final blend is assembled. The wine is then bottled on the Winery's own bottling line.

Tasting Evaluation:

This individual wine is crafted to create a seamless balance between intensity, structure and elegance. The nose has abundant blackcurrant, raspberries and sweet spiced French oak. The tannins are rich and robust giving mid pallet weight and enhancing the fruit and cassis characters. The oak maturation is evident and adds a elegance and kitchen spice aspect to the pallet. A great Choice.

Analysis Post Bottling:

F/T SO₂: 35/146 ppm
pH: 3.40
Acid: 6.7 g/L
Residual Sugar: 0.62 g/L
Alcohol: 14.0 %



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