

Elderton



ELITE RANGE

2013 Ashmead

History

Like the Command block, which is an amazing resource to the Elderton Estate, the Ashmead block has consistently produced small parcels of excellent quality fruit. The vineyard was almost destroyed in 1997 to make way for higher yielding vines, however the family made the decision to promote the vineyard to a higher destiny – thus the Ashmead. The 2013 is the fourteenth release of this unparalleled wine, and is a superior example of Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon aged in a mix of new French Oak Hogsheads from about 8 different coopers. The Elderton Estate is not unfamiliar with premium Cabernets, having won more than 8 trophies for this varietal including the 1993 Jimmy Watson Trophy.

Single Vineyard Information

Variety	Cabernet Sauvignon	
Clone	Unknown, own roots (most likely G9V3)	
Age	Planted 1944	
Soil	Deep alluvial silt over red and brown earths and limestone	
Rainfall	Long term average - 478.3 mm	2012/13 season (Sept - March) - 148.8 mm
Spacing	Vine spacing 1.5m, row width 3m East to West row direction	
Yield	Approx 1.5 tonnes per hectare	

Winemaker's Comments

The hand harvested fruit was fermented in open top concrete fermenters with chilled ferments, hand pump-overs and cap submerging with oak header boards for eight days; the process finished with barrel ferment and malolactic fermentation in new French oak. The nose shows dark chocolate and black fruits and olives, with the palate continuing the theme, showing these typical Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon characters, giving weight and generosity to the wine. Ripe tannins add structure while being supple and mouth watering.

- Richard Langford



Vintage Details

Vintage	2013
Region	Barossa
Variety	Cabernet Sauvignon
Maturation	18 months in new French oak
Alc/Vol	14.0%
TA	7.01g/L
pH	3.46