



2013 CABERNET MERLOT

Our aim is to produce a well flavoured and approachable wine with the distinctive fruit characters typical of these two varieties from WA's fabulous Great Southern region.

The 2013 season was another kind one for the grape grower as we enjoyed favourable growing conditions in the spring and then particularly fine conditions over the summer ripening period. The consistent warm days and cooler nights allowed for excellent flavour development in the fruit and there was no disease risk. In this release of Cabernet Merlot, over 50% of the fruit is from Mount Barker with the balance from Frankland and a very small portion from Margaret River. As is customary, the blend this year is more than 85% Cabernet Sauvignon which reflects the strength of this variety across the Great Southern.

AROMA

This wine has intense berry fruit aromas, particularly rich blackberry. The berry fruit aromas dominate the nose and are complexed by some subtle smoky and dusty oak characters picked up during barrel maturation.

PALATE

This is a well flavoured wine with good density and structure. The fruit flavours of blackcurrant, dark plum and raspberry are all particularly typical of Cabernet Sauvignon. These flavours are very well balanced by the dusty oak characters on the finish and, with the drying tannins, contribute to the wine's good length of flavour.

CELLARING

This wine has loads of fruit flavour and can be enjoyed now, especially with some good cheese &/or a well flavoured meal. With its good tannin structure it will also handle a bit more time in the bottle; it should continue to drink well and improve over the next 4+ years.



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