



ELDERTON
BAROSSA VALLEY
CABERNET SHIRAZ MERLOT
VINTAGE 1998

HISTORY

A Cabernet/Shiraz/Merlot blend was added to our portfolio from the 1992 vintage. It was a belief that through blending only the best parcels of fruit from the Elderton Vineyard, a truly wondrous and complete wine could be made that showed the highlights of the three grape varieties. The 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 vintages have all been very successful at Australian and International Wine Shows, winning Trophies, Gold and Silver Medals. We expect the 98 to follow this tradition of success.

VITICULTURE

The Elderton Vineyard is situated on the banks of the North Para River, Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley. The old vines on the estate live in very old deep alluvial soils over limestone. With a Mediterranean climate, the baumé reaches 14 to 14.5°. The grapes are machine harvested at optimum maturity, which is decided by the winemaking team through vineyard sampling, to allow quick delivery to the winery before crushing.

WINEMAKING

After crushing, fermentation takes place in stainless steel potters at 30°C for approximately 7 days before maturation in a combination of new and old, French and American Oak puncheons for 18 months to 2 years. Each parcel is kept separate until assemblage time, where the Elderton team plays with different percentages to ensure the best wine is produced. Showing the amazing consistency of the vineyard is the fact that the past 5 vintages have had the same percentages of each variety. This wine has been styled to give a velvety silkiness and elegance across the whole flavour profile.

THE WINE

A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Shiraz and 10% Merlot. Rich red in colour, the aroma is just as vibrant. Mouthfilling flavours of chocolate, licorice and spice are followed by the lingering velvety smooth vanilla finish. 1998 was a tremendous vintage and is highly sought after, but those that have tried previous vintages understand that they are always going to get a great bottle when they buy CSM, regardless of the vintage.

Alcohol: 14.5% Alc/Vol

Ageing: Enjoy now or age 10 years +

FOODS - A PERFECT MATCH

Pheasant, wild duck, venison or kangaroo, Especially, when served with a rich sauce.

1 Gold Medal

1 Silver Medal

8 Bronze Medals

96/100 Vintage Direct

