

Elderton Estate Barossa

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Vintage 2001

THE WINE

60% Cabernet / 30% Shiraz / 10% Merlot

Colour: Almost black, with purple highlights

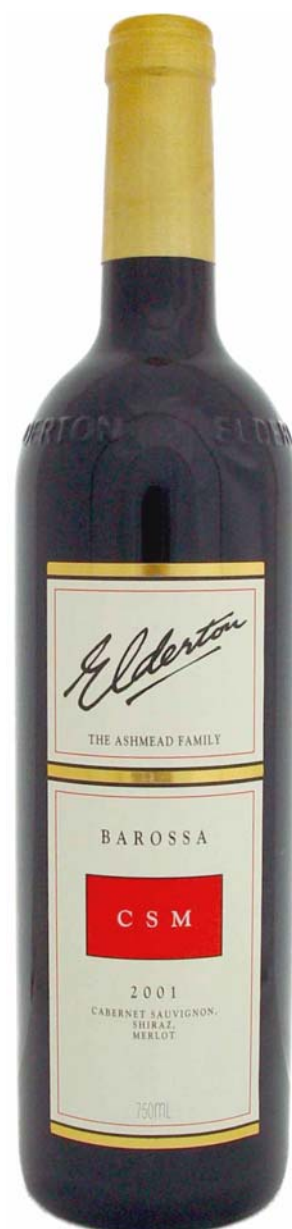
Nose: Blood plum and chocolate aromas support the attractive well-handled toasty oak.

Palate: This Cabernet blend is enormously rich and concentrated, beautifully fine tuned and integrated, with ripe plum, spice, chocolate, earth and cedary oak showing harmoniously.

Alcohol: 14% Alc/Vol

Ageing: Enjoy now or age 10 years + from vintage.

Food: Slowly braised Lamb shanks



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. All vintages made of this wine (not made in 1993) have been hugely successful in Australian and International wine shows, as well as with the media. The winemaking team at Elderton believe this is truly the hidden gem in the Elderton portfolio of premium reds.

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 14⁰ to 14.5⁰. The grapes are machine harvested during the night, at optimum maturity, which is decided by the winemaking team through vineyard sampling. 2001 was a warm and dry season; ensuring great flavours were developed in the Vineyard.

WINEMAKING

After crushing, fermentation takes place in old concrete open top fermenters at around 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 play with different percentages to ensure the best wine is produced. Showing the amazing consistency of the vineyard is the fact that the past 7 vintages have had pretty much the same percentage of each variety blended. This wine has been styled to give a velvety silkiness and elegance across the whole flavour profile.