

# Elderton Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Vintage 2002

## THE WINE

100% Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

- Colour:** Almost black with vibrant hues
- Nose:** Plum, lifted fruit and spicy oak.
- Palate:** Ripe and harmonious, rich and spicy, with currant, vanilla, cassis, black cherry. Long thick finish gushes with flavour. Smooth ripe tannins add to its plush backbone.
- Alcohol:** 14.5% Alc/Vol
- Ageing:** Enjoy now or 6-10 years.
- Food:** Loin of lamb or Rare roast beef, field mushrooms and all the trimmings.



## **HISTORY**

*The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are grown exclusively on the Elderton Vineyard situated on the banks of the North Para River, Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley, South Australia. The 1988 vintage was chosen by Qantas for first class, the 1992 Vintage won the prestigious Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy in 1993 and for the next two years won Gold and Trophy at the Barossa Wine Show. The 1994 vintage gave Elderton its first international gold medal at the London International Wine Show 1996. The 1998, once again won gold and trophy, in the Barossa wine show for the best regional Cabernet, and the 1999 won the trophy in Belgium for the best wine imported into Belgium. We have huge expectations for the 2002 as well, believing it is one of the best we have produced.*

## **VITICULTURE**

*The Elderton vineyard has very old deep alluvial soils over limestone with the majority of the Cabernet vines ranging between the ages of 30 to 45 years. With a Mediterranean climate, the Baumé reaches 13.5<sup>o</sup> to 14.5<sup>o</sup>. 2002 was an outstanding vintage for the Elderton Estate, especially for the Cabernet blocks on the property, due to one of the coolest and driest ripening periods, which produced great quality fruit, in turn allowing wines to be made with great colour, flavour and intensity.*

## **WINEMAKING**

*Harvested at 14.8<sup>o</sup> Baumé in the cool of the night, the fruit was crushed and inoculated with a selected yeast strain for fermentation. Over the seven day ferment the wine is pumped over daily for further flavour and colour extraction. Matured in a blend of French and American oak puncheons for over 18 months, this wine offers integrated fruit flavours with balance and length.*