



BAROSSA

ELDERTON BAROSSA SINGLE VINEYARD
ASHMEAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINTAGE 1998

Vineyard Block Data

- Variety:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Clone: Unknown, own roots (most likely G9V3)
Age: Planted 1944 (57 years old)
Soil: Deep alluvial silt over limestone
Rainfall: Average - 501.8mm, 1998 - 460.7mm (270.2 in the growing season)
Spacing: Vine spacing 1.5m, Row Width 3m East to West Row Direction
Trellis: Have been reworked to double wire vertical (from single)
Tonnes: 5 - 6 tonnes per Hectare

Comments:

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. Traditionally the finished wine has been blended into the Estate Range of wines, however, in 1998 Lorraine Ashmead, the Estate Principal, saw the brilliance of the wine, and decided to release it under the Ashmead Family name. The wine is a superior example of Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon aged in a mix of new and then old French Oak Puncheons. The Elderton Estate is not unfamiliar with premium Cabernets, having won 4 trophies for this varietal including the 1993 Jimmy Watson Trophy. The wine is intensely flavoured with excellent balance and is structured for long-term maturation.

The wine

Oak: 100% French Oak Puncheons (3 years) – racked 3 times.

Alcohol: 14.5%

Production: 250 cases

Recommended aging: 5-15 years

Bouquet: Rich plum, licorice and smokey oak.

Palate: Rich plums and blackberries, mouthfilling dark chocolate with lengthy tannins and a caramel finish.

A WINE FOR THE SERIOUS ADMIRER.

