

Elderton Barossa

Ashmead Single Vineyard

Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage 2002

THE WINE

100% Old Vine Barossa Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon

- Colour:** Deep Purple/ Black
- Nose:** Rich ripe fruit, solid toasty oak and aromatic spice aromas.
- Palate:** Deliciously rich and concentrated, the wine has freakish balance and plenty of mocha, blackberry and plum fruit which are all supported by firm and supple tannins.
- Oak:** Predominantly French oak puncheons (30 months) - racked 3 times.
- Alcohol:** 14.5% Alc/Vol
- Ageing:** 5-20 years



HISTORY

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 2002 is the fifth release of this exciting wine. The wine is a superior example of Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon aged mainly in a mix of new and then old French Oak Puncheons. The Elderton Estate is not unfamiliar with premium Cabernets, having won 5 trophies for this varietal including the 1993 Jimmy Watson Trophy. We, at Elderton, believe this vintage will be as heavily sought after as the inaugural 1998 vintage by wine lovers and collectors alike.

VINEYARD BLOCK DATA

Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Clone: Unknown, own roots (most likely G9V3)
Age: Planted 1944 (Now over 60 years old)
Soil: Deep alluvial silt over limestone
Rainfall: Average - 501.8mm,
Spacing: Vine spacing 1.5m, Row Width 3m East to West Row Direction
Trellis: Have been reworked to double wire vertical (from single)
Yield: 1-2 tonnes per Hectare

ACCOLADES

TROPHY and GOLD – NZ International Wine Show, 2005

GOLD – San Francisco Wine Competition, 2005

GOLD – NZ Liquorland Top 100, 2005

GOLD – China International Wine & Spirit Challenge, 2006- Gold Medal and Trophy for Top Australian Wine, Top Cabernet Sauvignon and Top Red Wine in the Challenge

★★★★★ - Winestate Magazine, September/October 2005

Robert Parker 2005 – 93-95 Points