

Elderton



ELITE RANGE

2008 Ashmead

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. The vineyard was almost destroyed in 1997 to make way for higher yielding vines, however the family made the decision to promote the vineyard to a higher destiny – thus the Ashmead. The 2007 is the ninth release of this unparalleled wine, and is a superior example of Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon aged in a mix of new French Oak Hogsheads from about 8 different coopers. The Elderton Estate is not unfamiliar with premium Cabernets, having won more than 8 trophies for this varietal including the 1993 Jimmy Watson Trophy.

Single Vineyard Information

Variety	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Clone	Unknown, own roots (most likely G9V3)
Age	Planted 1944 (Now over 60 years old)
Soil	Deep alluvial silt over red and brown earths and 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

Winemaker's Comments

2008 was a warm year. The fruit was picked three weeks earlier than normal, in early February, before the heat-wave arrived in the Barossa. This ensured the fruit was ripe with mature tannins and lower sugars. In the winery the use of open top concrete fermenters, chilled ferments, hand pump-overs, cap submerging with oak header boards and gentle pressing brings out the best characteristics of the fruit.

- Richard Langford

Accolades

SILVER - Concours Mondial de Bruxelles Wine Show 2010
94 points - James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2011
92(+?) points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar July/August 2010



Vintage Details

Vintage	2008
Region	Barossa
Variety	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Maturation	22 months in new French oak
Alc/Vol	14.5%
TA	7.41 g/L
pH	3.23