

THE FRUIT

The 2010 Grant Burge Barossa Cabernet Merlot is a blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon and 13% Merlot, made from fruit grown on Grant's own vineyards and those of respected growers in the region. The 2010 vintage has proven excellent for red wine varieties, with an even ripening period allowing the fruit to develop concentrated flavour whilst maintaining a refined structure.

THE WINEMAKING

After crushing and de-stemming, the juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks on skins for six to seven days to bring out the maximum colour and flavour. After initial fermentation the wine was transferred to a combination of French and American hogsheads for 15 months to build complexity, structure and balance before bottling.

(2010 Barossa CABERNET MERLOT)

The 2010 Cabernet Merlot is deep red with vibrant purple hues. Aromas of red cherries dominate the nose, with subtle notes of milk chocolate and violets adding a touch of elegance.

The palate is rich, with concentrated red currant and cherry flavour supported by fine tannins and spicy, cedary oak.

This easy drinking wine is ready to enjoy now, but will benefit from short term cellaring for added structure.

It is an excellent match with beef ragu, barbequed meats and hearty tomato dishes.

