

Elderton



2007 Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon

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 the country. A proven consistent performer, we believe that the 2007 will continue in this trend.

Vineyard Information

The Elderton vineyard has very old deep alluvial soils over limestone with the majority of the Cabernet vines ranging between the ages of 35 to 50 years. With a Mediterranean climate, the Baumé reaches 13.5° to 14.5°. The 2007 vintage was one where fruit ripened quickly, due to heatwave conditions in the later stages of the season. However, as a reflection of our fertile soils, the vines had produced a vigorous and shading canopy cover, allowing for ripe but balanced fruit with good acid retention.

Winemaker's Comments

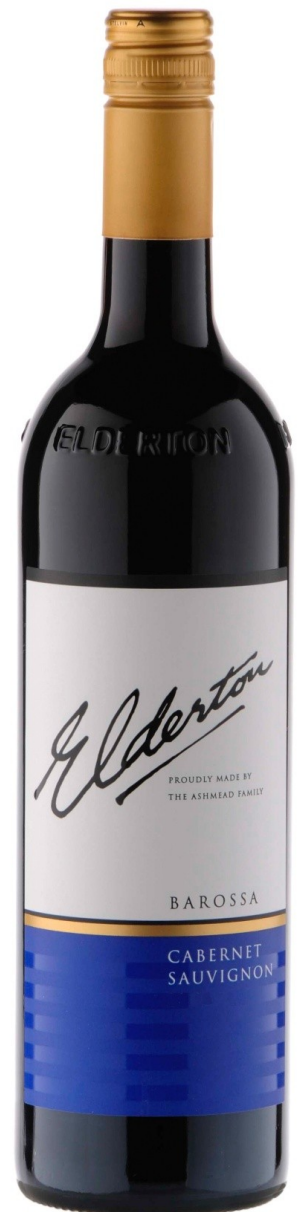
The Estate Cabernet is crushed into our concrete open fermenters and chilled to 14 degrees before inoculation. Heading down boards are utilised after 2 days to keep the cap submerged and allow better control of the fermentation rate, whilst a constant pump over is used to introduce oxygen. The wine is then pressed to French and American oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and racked 3 times over the next 2 years before final blending for bottling. The 2007 shows the classic Barossa Cabernet characteristics of cassis, black olives and licorice.

- Richard Langford

Style	Full bodied, rich, classy
Colour	Inky, solid purple black
Aroma	Blackberry, chocolate, cassis
Flavour	Plum, back fruits, briar

Accolades

COMMENDED - Decanter World Wine Awards 2010
90 points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar 2009



Vintage Details

Vintage	2007
Region	Barossa
Variety	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Maturation	24 months in American and French oak
Alc/Vol	14.5%
TA	6.55 g/L
pH	3.23