

Elderton

2022 Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon

History

The Ashmead family purchased their first estate vineyard in the middle of Nuriootpa in the late 1970s and since making their first wine from the 1982 vintage, have developed a great reputation and an enviable history of success. The 1992 Cabernet Sauvignon won the prestigious Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy in 1993, showcasing Elderton's ability to make great Cabernet.

Vineyard Information

The weather was kind to us in 2022, with fruit picked from our Nuriootpa and Craneford vineyards. We experienced a relatively cool growing season with only a few minor warm spikes allowing for a very gradual ripening pattern. As Cabernet is a later ripening variety, we are always hopeful the rain holds off until we can pick. Although we had a threat of rain as the season went on, we were able to hold the fruit on the vines to achieve the ripeness and flavour spectrum we look for. Craneford, in Eden Valley, at higher altitude is cooler and is always some of the latest fruit to come in.

We also have new plantings of three clonal selections of Cabernet Sauvignon, at our Nuriootpa vineyard, which are just beginning to show their varietal characteristics which is very promising!

Vineyard Source 100% estate grown, 62% Nuriootpa, 38% Craneford

Vine Age 4 - 40 years

Picking Date 30 March - 20 April 2022



Winemakers' Comments

Fruit from vintage 2022 has a wonderful and abundant freshness, which made it a pleasure to work with. The generosity of fruit meant that we could work the cap reasonably well during fermentation to build a bold tannin structure to match the fruit profile. As always, we try and maintain our ferments at relatively low temperature as this is our best regulator for rate of ferment. We ensure our batches of Cabernet Sauvignon ferment to dryness, whilst still on skins, and are then pressed off before racking to a combination of new and seasoned French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and maturation.

Our final Cabernet Sauvignon blend is assembled closer to bottling, allowing us to ensure we get the balance right in our final blend.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

Style	Full bodied, rich, classy
Colour	Deep crimson
Aroma	Chocolate, intense black forest fruits, savoury herbs
Palate	A rich and complex palate opening with black berry compote coupled with a dark chocolate note and hints of cedary oak to follow. The palate profile is long and powerful, with a seamless berry coated tannin profile to balance. The fruit intensity of this vintage delivers a vibrant freshness to finish.
Oak	Predominantly older French puncheons, 18 months
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar confidently for up to 10 years from vintage
Alc/vol	14.7%

