

Tasting Notes

This Cabernet Sauvignon was **hand crafted** from premium quality fruit grown on our family vineyards in the foothills of the Barossa Ranges. Traditionally fermented and aged for one year in **French oak** casks the colour is deep red, purple and displays aromas of ripe, rich plums and a hint of cassis. **A modern style** with a delightfully soft, round mouthfeel it may be enjoyed just on its own or as a companion to red meat dishes, barbeques and full flavoured cheese.

Vineyard Notes

The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit was sourced from the Schrapel family vineyards in the Barossa foothills. Traditional viticulture practices were applied with the yield from old vines 6.25t/Ha. The vineyards were hand pruned to 70 buds per vine to limit yields.

Vintage Report

The weather leading up to the 2014 vintage was eclectic in the Barossa. A wet winter followed by frost during November 2013 caused concern among many wineries, but no significant damage was reported. Mild conditions from December to January dominated the Barossa, but was interrupted by a heat spell in late January, with temperatures exceeding 40-degrees. Good vineyard management practices prior to ripening allowed vines to respond well to these conditions. Rains in February allowed vines to ripen better, allowing many growers to pick on flavour ripeness as opposed to fruit sweetness.

Winemaking Report

Fermented on skins in the traditional manner for 6 - 8 days at 20 - 25 degrees with juice being racked from the skins and returned for optimal colour and fine tannin extraction. Fermentation was initiated prior to racking into **French oak** barrels for twelve months to allow fruit and palate structure to develop. This method of winemaking results in a modern style of Cabernet with enough oak to give complexity without overshadowing the wine.

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Bethany 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

Region

Barossa

Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Acidity

6.3 g/L

Alcohol/Volume

13.0%

Residual Sugar

0.48 g/L

Wine Maker

Geoff and Robert Schrapel

