

Elderton

2015 Barossa Merlot

History

Until 1992, Elderton had used the small amounts of Merlot produced from the Estate as a blending tool with Cabernet. In 1992, the individual parcel of Merlot was exceptional and the decision was made to make a single varietal that encompassed the best that Merlot had to offer. The Elderton Merlot has been frequently recognised amongst the best Merlots in the country, as well as one of the most consistent. The 2015 vintage shows how superb Merlot can be in Australia, when handled well, and this wine sits proudly in our portfolio with its harmonious power and elegance.

Vineyard Information

The Elderton vineyard, which is approximately 72 acres in size, has only two small blocks of Merlot. Both of these blocks are towards the back of the vineyard, on the highest point, where the soils are much sandier and free-draining than those closer to the river bed. With our Mediterranean climate, the Baume reaches 14 - 15 and quite unlike traditional Bordeaux, we have found great results in allowing the fruit to ripen significantly on the vine.

Winemaker's Comments

This medium bodied wine is supple on the palate with earth, spice and plum characters.

- Richard Langford

Style	Medium bodied, classic, supple
Colour	Deep red
Aroma	Plum, spice, earthy notes
Palate	Plum, spice, black fruits and cedar
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar confidently for 5 - 10 years from vintage



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Style: Medium bodied, classic, supple

Vineyard Source: 100% estate grown, Nuriootpa

Vine Age: 12 - 31 years

Picking Date: 22 February 2015

Oak: Predominantly second fill French hogsheads, 14 months

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