

Botham

TASTING NOTES



Sir Ian Botham Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Season 2014 in Coonawarra will be described by most as one of the longest on record starting Mid February and finishing in the first week of May. The season started with the winter season which was the second wettest in the last 28 years providing a very welcome recharge to the underground aquifer. Spring in Coonawarra saw the rainfall continue with almost double the long term average falling. January and early February were hot and dry, however with good water availability and accurate early weather forecasts the fruit was well protected. The warm weather brought the ripening of many of the varieties on rapidly. But the cool nights and moderate days that the Coonawarra region is famous for soon rolled in around mid to late February. The reds, especially Cabernet benefited significantly from the cool slow ripening period. The region was also blessed to have only received small falls of rain over this period meaning fruit quality was sound right to the end.

VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine is grown on the premium vineyards within the heart of the Coonawarra region.

WINE STYLE

This Cabernet has been made true to the style of the Coonawarra region and carries all the distinctive characteristics of a high quality new world Cabernet Sauvignon.

This wine was made in partnership with Geoff Merrill, Proprietor and Winemaker of Geoff Merrill wines.

COLOUR

Intense, dark blood red with ruby and garnet hues.

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The aroma's immediately announce the variety, displaying intense characters of blackcurrant, red berry, black olive and a subtle hint of menthol. Combined with the nutty oak aroma's, this wine delivers a complex yet elegant bouquet.

PALATE

The palate of this wine has a perfectly aligned structure, weight and intensity creating a backbone for longevity. The aromas on the nose follow through onto the palate and these full bodied, spicy flavours combined with pin point acidity and firm, grainy tannins deliver a wine of stature and grace. This wine will continue to develop in complexity and interest for as long as you can manage to cellar it.

WINE ANALYSES

Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 7.0g/l

PEAK DRINKING

This wine will continue to develop in bottle if cellared carefully and will drink well for up to 12 years from vintage.

