

BAROSSA

2015 ODE TO LORRAINE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON, SHIRAZ, MERLOT

A Cabernet/Shiraz/Merlot blend was added to our portfolio from the 1992 vintage. It was a belief that through blending only the best parcels of fruit from the Elderton vineyard, a truly wondrous and complete wine could be made that showed the highlights of the three grape varieties. The decision was made from the 2002 vintage onwards for it to be renamed (from CSM) in honour of the co founder of Elderton, Lorraine Ashmead. The winemaking team at Elderton believe this is truly the hidden gem in the Elderton portfolio of premium reds.

Estate grown on the Nuriootpa vineyard, with deep alluvial silt over red and brown earths and limestone. The fruit is sourced from Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot blocks planted between 1914 and 1985.



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A select barrel blend of each of the estate's Nuriootpa-planted varieties, partially fermented in concrete and barrel with the addition of a judicious smattering of pressings, this is a complex jigsaw. Thankfully delicious given the effort, cabernet's voice rises uber alles with its potpourri of herbal berry notes and sagacious tannins, compressing the warm climate hedonism of the other parties into a nourishing whole. A rich phalanx of fruit and glossy structural attributes.

94 POINTS - JAMESSUCKLING.COM 2018

This is in dangerously good form of 2015. Floras and fresh cassis with blue plums and blackberries. The freshness and depth here is impressive. A brilliant wine with a super long palate. Drink or hold.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

The Ode to Lorraine is a blend of the finest barrels of each of the Elderton Nuriootpa vineyard varieties. Each year, through meticulous work on the tasting bench, we select a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot which best reflects the nuances of each variety. The 2015 vintage is a blend of parcels, fermented in concrete open fermenters, with selected barrel ferments and press cuts, giving warm and generous fruit characters, spiciness and generous length, whilst still being a Cabernet Sauvignon dominant blend.

- Richard Langford

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