



BAROSSA

2016 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.



95 POINTS - HALLIDAY'S WINE COMPANION 2020

Sophisticated winemaking weaves the three varieties into a medium-bodied palate perfectly framed by oak and fine, ripe tannins. On an equilibrium right now, which it will, of course, hold for years to come.

95 POINTS - HUON HOOKE, JANUARY 2020

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Deepish red colour with good purple tints, and a bouquet of cassis and oak; smoky, toasty barrel inflexions are evident amid a tangle of peat and sousbois. It has a deliciously sweet-cassis flavoured middle, cabernet-driven, with a lot of elegance and promising to age well. A little cellaring will bring rewards. It's fresh and young and should build complexity with time. A delicious blend, benchmark for the style.

WINEMAKER'S 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 2016 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