

2021 **Ashmead** Cabernet Sauvignon

History

It may be just a tiny little parcel of Cabernet planted in the 1940s, however what a powerful little flavour packed expression it is! The Ashmead block has consistently produced small parcels of excellent quality fruit for several years. The block was almost destroyed in 1997 to make way for higher yielding vines, however the family made the decision to promote the vineyard to a higher destiny – thus the Ashmead.

The 2021 is the twenty first release of this this delicious Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Elderton is not unfamiliar with premium Cabernet, having won more than 8 trophies for this varietal including the 1993 Jimmy Watson Trophy.

Vineyard Information

Estate grown on the Nuriootpa vineyard, the fruit is sourced from a single block planted circa 1944. Deep alluvial silt over red and brown earths and limestone near the banks of the North Para River allow the vines to grow deep roots and the vines therefore need minimal irrigation.

Vineyard Source 100% Estate grown, Nuriootpa

Vine Age 77 years

Picking date 1 April 2021

Winemakers' Comments

2021 was a winemakers dream vintage! Coming after some hot and dry vintages we were able harvest our Ashmead when we decided, without the threat of rain or changing weather patterns.

The 2021 was handpicked and destemmed to an open fermenter. We employed very gentle cap management given the small volume we have to work, with along with the strong tannin profile and small berries of the old vine Cabernet. The new wine was pressed to a selection of new and seasoned French oak which we chose to compliment and support the intense flavours of the Ashmead without adding too much oak impact.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

Style Vibrant, classic, bold

Colour Deep crimson

Aroma Dark chocolate layered with cassis

Palate Blackberry fruit with layers of chocolate and a touch of dried sage. The tannins are serious, yet generous and long, with hints of cassis giving length and power to the finish.

Oak 18 months in new and seasoned French oak puncheons

Cellaring Drink now or cellar confidently for 15 - 20 years from vintage

Alc/vol 14.7%

