

BAROSSA

2021 ASHMEAD SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The excellence of the Ashmead is a result of careful nurturing of some of the world's oldest Cabernet vines, planted in 1944, combined with absolute attention to detail during the winemaking process. Like the Command block, which is an amazing resource to the Elderton Estate, the Ashmead block has consistently produced small parcels of excellent quality fruit. The vineyard 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 twenty first release of this unparalleled wine shows the hallmarks of being an absolute classic. Winemaker Jules Ashmead comments, "2021 was a winemakers dream vintage!"

Planted in 1944, the Ashmead vineyard is classed as a Survivor block by the Barossa Old Vine Charter.



97 POINTS - RAY JORDAN, WINEPILOT

The season has allowed the wine to express and capture the true varietal characters of cabernet with a dominant blackcurrant and blackberry character. Dig deeper and then you get a richer dark chocolate with that subtle sagebrush touch you often see in this region. Doesn't get the oak of the Command with a mix of new and seasoned French oak for only 18 months. It's one of the best yet under this label.

95 POINTS - ANDREW CAILLARD MW, THE VINTAGE JOURNAL

...a particularly attractive modern Australian claret style with inky cassis chinotto aromas with espresso notes, fine grainy touch grippy tannins, underlying savoury notes and well-integrated acidity. It finishes firm and long with lovely sweet fruit notes.

95 POINTS - DAVE BROOKES, HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

Deep crimson in colour with nary a whiff of herbaceousness, just a solid wave of blackberry, blackcurrant and black cherry fruit cut with baking spices, licorice, cassis, earth and cedar. Full-bodied with an impressive balance of fruit power and grace, finishing long and black-fruited with abundant spice and charm.

95 POINTS - ANGUS HUGHSON, VINOUS

The 2021 Ashmead, a beautiful single vineyard Barossa Cabernet, radiates with strong blackcurrant fruits enhanced by touches of cedar and eucalyptus, all with superb purity and focus. Beautifully proportioned, it delivers vibrant sweet fruits underpinned by firm, mouth-coating tannins.

94 POINTS - NED GOODWIN MW, JAMESSUCKLING.COM

Sweet and compact on entry. Blackcurrant, graphite and a tinge of sappy licorice root and spearmint at the edges. Yet this is fully ripe, succulent, amply weighted and built to please now, as much as it will age with grace. Lovely drinking.