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Rosemount Estate



Traditional Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Petit Verdot 2000

Traditional, full bodied red wines have been fermented and matured in the cellars of our Ryecroft winery in McLaren Vale since 1888. The intimate knowledge acquired over generations of local viticultural experience contributes to the unique flavour and quality of McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek grapes.

Since purchasing the Ryecroft vineyard and winery in 1991, we have continued to produce a wine which employs the 'Traditional' winemaking techniques of warm fermentation in small, open vats, followed by extended maturation in oak barrels.

Drawn from vineyards across McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek, the fruit is selected for its premium quality and track record. The final blend consists of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 10% Petit Verdot.

Vineyard Region

McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek

Vintage Conditions

Cool conditions in late winter and spring limited flowering and fruit set, eventually contributing to low yields at harvest, before a summer defined by very hot temperatures. Rosemount's balanced, well-established vineyards handled the conditions well and a crop of intensely flavoured fruit with clear varietal character was picked two weeks early in good conditions.

Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot

Maturation

Warm fermentation took place in small wax lined open vats to encourage the extraction of soft, ripe tannins. The separate batches underwent 18 months maturation in American oak.

Winemaker Comments: Charles Whish



Colour

Deep plum red/purple.



Nose

The nose is tightly structured but expressive, showing the hallmarks of open vat fermentation. Underlying ripe blackberry, cassis and black olive aromas are highlighted by notes of lifted tobacco leaf and the toasted characters of well-integrated oak.



Palate

The densely packed palate demonstrates an ideal balance between fruit richness and varietal character. Pronounced but ripe tannins encase a core of blackcurrant, cassis and chocolate flavours. Oak maturation has aided structure and provided hints of cedar and wood-smoke to a long, complex finish.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%

Last Tasted

17 Jun 2002

Peak Drinking

Now - 2010

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Lamb, Beef, Cheese

