



TURKEY  
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BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This wine is made from fruit grown on the historic 150 year old Turkey Flat vineyard. The Cabernet Sauvignon vines are planted on the river flat near the cellar door where they thrive on deep soils without the need for irrigation. Cabernet Sauvignon vines produce fruit of exceptional richness and concentration when grown in sites such as this.

What sets Cabernet Sauvignon apart is its ability to travel, to set down its roots in distant lands and still produce something that is recognisably Cabernet, whatever the circumstances and conditions. Whilst the Barossa Valley has largely earned its reputation for making 'big' reds with the Shiraz grape variety, this wine is certainly proof that the Barossa can produce distinctive 'classic' Cabernet with power, concentration and structure, in specific sites. The 'Black Flat' vineyard, behind the winery, is such a site, which, since 1994, has been producing a consistent lineage of classic distinctive and stylish Cabernets.

The warmer 2003 vintage, compared to 2002, produced a Cabernet of intensity, concentration, full flavour and long term ageing potential. The 2003 displays classic Cabernet aromatics of red and black currants, blueberries, cedar, spice and subtle tobacco notes. Whilst full bodied and intense, this wine has an even fine structure and 'chalky' ripe grape tannins, enhanced from extended maceration on skins. Complex fruit flavours of ripe red and black berry fruits, are underlain by subtle oak and grape tannins.

### *The Wine*

Harvested	- April 2003
Maturity At Harvest	- 14.3° Baumé
Yeast Type	- Enoferm B.D.X.
Fermentation Temp	- 22° to 30°C
Time On Skins	- 10 days-14 days
MLF	- spontaneous in barrels
Oak Treatment	- 22 months in new & seasoned French oak hogsheads and barriques
Bottled	- February 2005
Colour	- deep crimson red
Nose	- red and blackcurrants, blueberries, cedar spice and subtle tobacco notes
Palate	- full bodied, intense, flavours of red and blackberry fruits, bay leaf and cake spice
Cellar	- up to 15 years
Alcohol	- 14.5%