

Lyrup Crossing Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage

As a slightly drier than normal year, vintage in the Riverland has produced exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

The reduced berry size from the rain-free growing season has resulted in excellent concentration of deep purple red colour, flavour and ripe tannic structure. Picking between 13.5° and 14.5° Baume ensured ripe flavoursome fruit and machine harvesting at night and early morning has ensured the freshness of the grapes arriving at the winery.

Varietal expression in the Lyrup Crossing range was purposefully skewed towards primary fruit rather than leafiness.

Vinification

Selection in the vineyard and batch-wise in the winery ensured that the Lyrup Crossing style was moulded towards a wine showing intense primary fruit characters, rather than the austerity inherent in Cabernet Sauvignon.

Complexity and structure was built into this wine by careful blending of selected parcels of fruit. Some parcels received a 'cold soak or cold maceration' at the start of fermentation to accentuate the fruit intensity on the palate. Other parcels received extended skin contact to give the wine excellent tannin structure, while still others had must drained off the skins to produce wines of exceptional concentration of colour and flavour.

After fermentation, both French and American oak was used to allow the wine to add further complexity and structure and allow flavours to integrate and soften.

Description

Deep purple in colour, this is a well-balanced wine showing berry fruit and blackcurrant jam with a hint of coffee oak character.

The nose shows appealing ripe berry aromas as well as spice and chocolate.

The palate shows flavours of blackcurrant and cassis as well as chocolate and mocha with superb length and a smooth succulent mouthfeel with elegant tannins.

Ideally, this wine should be paired with full flavoured meat dishes or cheese platters.



Technical

Alcohol by volume;	13.51%
pH;	3.489
Total Acid;	7.02g/L
Residual Sugar;	3.8g/L
Varieties;	4% Petit Verdot 96% Cabernet Sauvignon
GI;	100% Riverland South Australia