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2016 Element of Sandalford Cabernet Merlot

Tasting Notes

Varietal Breakdown

55% Cabernet Sauvignon & 45% Merlot

Region

Western Australia

Vintage

2016 started with mild spring conditions, which developed into a warm and dry start to summer. However, a tropical rain event in mid-January interrupted these lovely conditions. With this moisture came the challenge of increased disease pressure on the grapes. Despite this challenge, all of grapes harvested were of exceptional quality, showing intense varietal characters.

Winemakers Comments

Immediately after harvest, the grapes were destemmed and crushed into fermenters. Twice daily pump overs were used for extraction and cap management during fermentation which took place using selected yeast strains. After the completion of both the primary and malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged with older French oak before blending and bottling.

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Colour: Plum red.
Nose: Obvious blackberries and blackcurrants with underlying notes of spiced plums.
Palate: Sweet berry flavours up front, balanced with mocha and spices. Soft and silky tannins give plenty of weight and texture. Drinking beautifully now, but will cellar nicely for a few years yet.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 14.4% pH 3.51 TA 6.59g/L

This wine is vegan and vegetarian friendly

