



Rosemount Estate

Shiraz Cabernet 2003



The blending of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon is a practice that became prominent amongst Australian winemakers during the 1960s.

Shiraz has been at the core of red winemaking in Australia since grapes were first planted in the early nineteenth century, its robust nature lending itself well to the Australian summer. Cabernet Sauvignon by contrast is a relative newcomer, with major plantings only developing in the late 1950s.

The blending of these two noble grape varieties creates a wine with the strengths of each. The lifted aromas, intensity and structure of Cabernet and the spicy fruit richness of Shiraz combine to make a wine style that is uniquely Australian.

Regional Source

A multi-regional blend, selected from a wide variety of vineyard origins throughout South Eastern Australia.

Vintage Conditions

Four factors converged during the 2003 vintage: nationwide drought; extreme heat in some regions; widespread rains in February; and low fruitfulness in cool-climate areas. Overall in most regions the low yields, caused partially by small bunch weights and partially by the drought, were the key to the high quality of fruit and concentrated flavours.

Grape Variety

Shiraz (Syrah), Cabernet Sauvignon

Maturation

Each variety was treated separately with reduced tannin levels achieved by finishing fermentation off with skins in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks after colour extraction.

Winemaker Comments: Andrew Koerner



Colour

A vibrant, deep plum red with a youthful purple rim.



Nose

The highly-appealing aroma has lifted spice and black cherry characters, with the juicy, ripe berry characteristics of Shiraz.



Palate

Rich in fresh, lively fruit flavours of blackberry and dark plums. The soft approachable tannins are set nicely against the spice flavours of Shiraz, with the Cabernet Sauvignon's bramble and blackcurrant flavours filling the finish. A delicious fruit driven style; ideal for early drinking.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%

Last Tasted

1 Oct 2003

Peak Drinking

Now - 2006

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Pasta, Lamb, Duck & Game

