

ELDERTON BAROSSA ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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The grapes are from the Elderton Estate Vineyard situated on the banks of the North Para River, Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley, South Australia. The vineyard has very old deep alluvial soils over limestone with the majority of the vines between the ages of 35 to 50 years. The grapes were picked and crushed into concrete open fermenters, having a 24-hour cold soak before inoculation. Heading down boards were utilized after two days to keep the cap submerged and allow better control of the fermentation rate. Splashing-over of the wine helped increase oxygen and circulation through the skins. The wine was then pressed to oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and raked three times over two years, before final blending and bottling.

The vineyard that is today known as Elderton, was first planted in 1894 by early German settlers. In 1916, it was purchased by Samuel Elderton Tolley, who built himself a sprawling homestead on the estate and sold the fruit to his family's winery. In 1975, the descendants of Mr. Tolley placed the vineyard on the market. Due to the tough times the Barossa was enduring, there was no interest in the property and it remained on the market, becoming more derelict annually. In 1979 when Lorraine and Neil Ashmead bought the rambling old homestead to raise their growing family, the 72 acres of vines were included at no charge. The Ashmeads worked tirelessly to salvage and restore the phenomenal treasure of a vineyard, and in 1982 produced their first vintage. Elderton is today celebrated as a major reason for the rejuvenation of the Barossa. At present, brothers Cameron and Allister (second generation) work with the Estate vineyard in Nuriootpa and have also purchased other exceptional vineyards in Craneford and Greenock. Their aim is to showcase the absolute best that the Barossa has to offer. Elderton operates sustainably, by offsetting carbon emissions through tree planting, using a solar panel grid that has reduced the winery's carbon dioxide emissions by at least 55 tones annually, and by regenerating the banks of the North Para River where it flows through the estate. By harvesting rainwater from the roofs of the winery buildings, they are water self-sufficient 11 months of the year and recycle nearly 100% of their water to a quality appropriate for reuse on the vineyard.

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