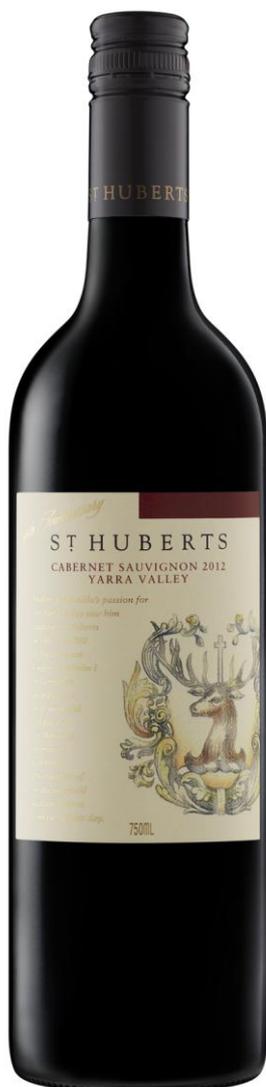


ST HUBERTS



2012 Cabernet Sauvignon

Hubert de Castella's passion for the Yarra Valley saw him establish St Huberts in 1862. By the late 1800s it had grown to be the largest estate in the area. The wines enjoyed immediate and on-going success at wine shows both domestically and abroad. The onset of the Great Depression, the increasing popularity of fortified wine and the emerging profitability of dairy farming saw the vineyard revert to grazing in the 1920s. It wasn't until the 1960s that the Yarra Valley again rose to prominence as a wine region and St Huberts was once again one of the pioneers.

The St Huberts vineyard contains some of the oldest Cabernet vines in the Yarra Valley, with plantings dating back to the 1960s. For the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, fruit parcels were sourced primarily from vineyard sites on the Yarra Valley flats - these sites provide the warmth required to produce rich and flavoursome wines. Individual vineyard parcels were fermented in open vats and closed statics in order to create complexity and differing flavour and tannin profiles. These parcels were pressed off and racked into 100% French oak to develop further depth and complexity. Our aim is to produce a wine true to the regional style while highlighting Cabernet Sauvignon's varietal characters.

The 2012 vintage marks the 150th anniversary for this historic Yarra brand.

Winemaker Comments Greg Jarratt

Vintage Conditions

2012 was a terrific vintage in the Yarra. Spring rain was above average, followed by a relatively dry summer. By degree days, it was one of the warmest vintages in the last decade – with very few extremely hot days. Yields were moderate to low.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date: Late March 2012

pH: 3.50

Acidity: 6.6g/L

Alcohol: 13.3%

Residual Sugar: 0.02g/L

Bottling Date: 19/8/13

Peak Drinking: Now - 2027.

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Maturation: Matured for fifteen months in 100% French oak barriques, with 29% new.

Colour: Med-dark garnet with crimson hues.

Nose: The wine displays ripe Cabernet notes of plums and cassis, a hint of violets over a backdrop of leafy regional character. The fruit is complexed with earthy notes and supporting chocolate / cedar oak.

Palate: The palate is medium to full bodied, with excellent depth of flavour and an even - rich and round mouth feel. Ripe fleshy plum and chocolate flavours continue from the nose, and the finish is long with supporting fine powdery tannins.

Should age nicely. "A classic Yarra Cab..."