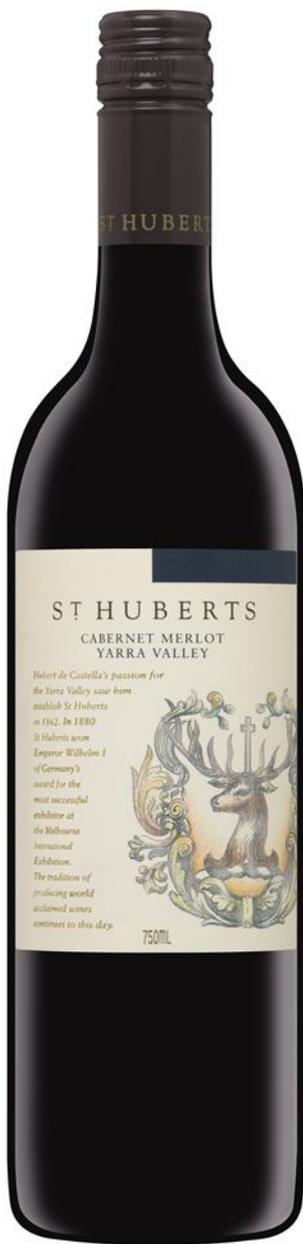


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2010 St Huberts Cabernet Merlot

The St Huberts vineyard contains some of the oldest Cabernet vines in the Yarra Valley, with plantings dating back to the 1960s.

For the 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot fruit parcels were sourced primarily from vineyard sites on the Yarra Valley flats, with a portion of the Merlot from the Upper Yarra. Individual vineyard parcels were fermented in a range of fermentation vessels to preserve the unique flavour and tannin profiles of the fruit. These parcels were then pressed off separately and racked into 100% French oak to develop further depth and complexity. Merlot acts like 'flesh on the bones', to round the palate of the wine, and add succulent berry fruit notes to the nose.

Winemaker Comments Greg Jarratt

Vineyard Region

100% Yarra Valley

Vintage Conditions

The Yarra had good spring rainfall for the growing season during the lead-up to the 2010 vintage. The best since the terrific 2006 vintage. The vines had good access to water and the vintage was perhaps characterised by slightly warmer than average temperature, but at the same time, not too many extreme days (over 35C). Picking yet again commenced early in mid Feb, just in time for an Easter break. Flavours in the vineyard developed at lower than usual sugar levels and quite quickly. Yields were moderate. 61mm of rain in early March provided a small hiatus between the early ripeners (eg Chardonnay and Pinot Noir) and the later ripeners (Rousanne and Cab Sauv). This rain caused floods in Melbourne, but thankfully did not cause significant disease. 2010 was good even vintage for all varieties.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date Mid-Late March 2010

pH 3.65

Acidity 6.2g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar 0.1g/L

Bottling Date 12/08/2011

Grape Variety

62% Cabernet Sauvignon 38% Merlot

Maturation

19% New French oak barriques 13% One year old French oak barriques 23% Two year old French oak barriques 45% Older old French oak barriques

Colour

Dark crimson with garnet hues

Nose

The nose is inviting, with brooding dark fruits, Morello cherries and cherry chocolate. Upper Yarra Merlot gives a hint of black olive, and the Yarra Cabernet, sage and leafy undertones.

Palate

The wine is medium bodied and balanced with a soft and fleshy mouth feel. Dark fruits are evident and the oak gives the wine subtle coffee and spice flavours. The ripe - fine tannins are evident and restrained. 'Probably the best Cab/Merlot from us in the last 10 years.'