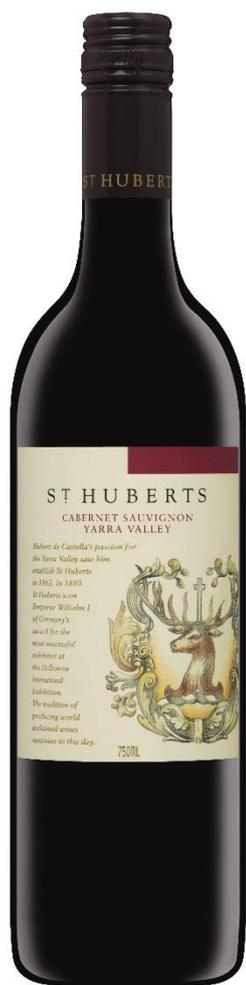


# ST HUBERTS



## St Huberts Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

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 core of the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from St Huberts vineyard Block 4. In addition, 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 mainly 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.

## Winemaker Comments Greg Jarratt

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**Vintage Conditions:** 2014 was a warm and dry Yarra Valley vintage, slightly cooler overall than the two preceding years. Yields were very low, due to cold, wet and windy conditions in spring during flowering in the vineyard.

### Technical Analysis

**Harvest Date:** Late March – Early April 2014

**pH:** 3.48

**Acidity:** 6.4g/L

**Alcohol:** 13.0%

**Residual Sugar:** 0.2g/L

**Bottling Date:** 29/10/15

**Peak Drinking:** Now - 2025

**Maturation:** Matured for fifteen months in almost 100% French oak barriques, with 38% new.

**Colour:** Med-dark garnet with crimson hues.

**Nose:** The wine displays classic regional Cabernet aromas of blackberries and cassis with leafy background notes. The fruit is complexed with earthy scents and supporting cedary / chocolate oak.

**Palate:** The palate is medium to full bodied, even and balanced. Ripe fleshy black currant and tobacco leaf flavours continue from the nose, and the finish is persistent with ripe powdery tannins. Built to put down for a few years. "A more restrained style following the powerful 2013 release."