

LADBROKE *Grove*

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE



Ladbroke Grove Killian Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic, full flavoured and elegantly structured wine showing the true expression of Coonawarra.

Variety:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard:

The fruit is sourced from our Magarey and Killian vineyards located on the famous terra rossa soil in central and northern Coonawarra. Yield is approximately 5 tonnes per hectare.

Vintage Conditions:

Described by winemakers as an “excellent” vintage, good winter rains, an early burst of warm weather and a lack of frosts meant the vines started their growing season a couple of weeks early. A period of very cool nights and mild but warm days occurred which served to effectively slow the ripening process, giving the grapes time to reach optimum maturity. Crisp acidity and good varietal definition is well noted in all wines of this vintage.

Vinification:

Fermented in a mix of open and static fermenters. Extended maceration was employed to develop complexity and harmony between the fruit and the tannin structure. The wine was matured in a mix of new and second fill French barrels for 22 months prior to blending and bottling.

Tasting Notes:

Colour: Deep crimson with purple tinged hue.

Aroma: Blackcurrant, violets and cedar notes with a hint of dried thyme.

Palate: A richly layered palate of dark berry fruits and subtle oak maturation flavours of mocha and spice. Dark plum and mulberry jam characters are interwoven with a hint of regional mint. Finely intergrated lingering tannins lead to a rewarding finish.

Peak drinking: Very approachable now, but careful cellaring will allow further development with bottle age.

Wine Analysis:

Alcohol 14.2%

Total Acidity 6.85g/L

pH 3.56