

LADBROKE *Grove*

2012 KILLIAN CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Ladbroke Grove Killian Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic, full bodied and elegantly structured wine showing the full expression of a single vineyard site in Coonawarra.

Variety:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard:

The Killian Vineyard is located on the famous terra rossa soil in central Coonawarra on the V & A Lane. The fruit is sourced from 25-year-old vines that are narrow planted and dry grown. The 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, very dark plum with purple tinged hue.

Aroma: Blackberries, mulberry, dark cherry and cassis. Plum with hints of violets, blue flowers, cassis, black olive and cedar.

Palate: The rich and generous palate is backed up with a core of minerality and an abundance of well-intergrated fine tannins. The finish is long and pronounced with perfect balance and structure that is classic Coonawarra.

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

Wine Analysis:

Alcohol 14.2%

Total Acidity 6.73g/L

pH 3.48

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