

2017 Ode to Lorraine Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot

History

The winemaking team at Elderton believe this is truly the hidden gem in the Elderton portfolio of premium reds. A Cabernet/Shiraz/Merlot blend was added to our portfolio from the 1992 vintage. It was a belief that through blending only the best parcels of fruit from the Elderton vineyard, a truly wondrous and complete wine could be made that showed the highlights of the three grape varieties.

The decision was made from the 2002 vintage onwards for the wine to be renamed (from CSM) in honour of co-founder of Elderton Wines, Lorraine Ashmead. This wine is dedicated to a woman who is greatly admired in the Barossa for her passion, dedication and commitment to not only Elderton, but to all the wondrous things our beautiful valley produces.

Vineyard Information

Estate grown on the Nuriootpa vineyard, with deep alluvial silt over red and brown earths and limestone. The fruit is sourced from Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot blocks planted between 1914 and 2014.

Winemaker's Comments

Abundant winter rain and a mild spring allowed for healthy canopy growth and fruit set for the 2017 vintage. Our Ode to Lorraine is a blend of old vine Cabernet and Shiraz with a touch of Merlot, all from our Nuriootpa vineyard. Fruit is fermented in open cement vats and pressed off to a combination of new and 1-2 year old French oak for malolactic fermentation and development over 2 years. This is Elderton's play on the Australian classic blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. Careful barrel selection and blending ensures a balance of freshness and spice from the dominant Cabernet Sauvignon and fleshy fruit from Shiraz with Merlot helping to seamlessly bring the wine together. A great wine to age, the Ode to Lorraine is also super attractive as a youngster.

- Jules Ashmead and Brock Harrison

Style	Rich and sophisticated
Colour	Dark ruby
Aroma	Ripe plum, dark chocolate and sage
Palate	Abundant red fruit on the palate, with spice and just a hint of leather. A powerful mouthful of fruit with a distinctive silken tannin line to finish, owing to the structural tannins of the old vine Cabernet Sauvignon component
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar confidently for 15+ years



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Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, **Shiraz** 33%, **Merlot** 7%

Vineyard Source 100% Estate Grown, Nuriootpa

Vine Age 3 - 78 years

Picking Date 28 March - 12 April 2017

Oak French oak, 40% new, combination of puncheons and hogsheads for 24 months

Alc/Vol 14.5%