Elderton

BAROSSA

2019 ASHMEAD

SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The excellence of the Ashmead is a result of careful nurturing of some of the world's oldest Cabernet vines, planted in 1944, combined with absolute attention to detail during the winemaking process. Like the Command block, which is an amazing resource to the Elderton Estate, the Ashmead block has consistently produced small parcels of excellent quality fruit. The vineyard was almost destroyed in 1997 to make way for higher yielding vines, however the family made the decision to promote the vineyard to a higher destiny – thus the Ashmead.

The seventeenth release of this unparalleled wine shows the hallmarks of being an absolute classic. The wine has the rare combination of power and grace, giving richness of fruit flavour and gorgeous silky tannins.

Planted in 1944, the Ashmead vineyard is classed as an Survivor block by the Barossa Old Vine Charter. We celebrate the vineyard's 78th birthday in 2022.

95 POINTS - TYSON STELZER, HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION 2022

Old vines have upheld integrity in crunchy redcurrant and pomegranate fruit, even rosehip lift and red capsicum varietal markers. It holds its ripeness with poise, thanks to a vibrant acid line, joining with confident, medium-grained tannins to sustain a very long aftertaste. Dark chocolate French oak has been well played to build endurance without stealing the limelight. A very strong result for Ashmead in this drought season. Bravo.

94 POINTS - CAMPBELL MATTINSON, THE WINE FRONT

Ashmead by name, command by nature. This stakes its claim on quality firmly and squarely. Dense-but fresh blackcurrant, mint, redcurrant and boysenberry, with cedarwood oak integrated to perfection. It's slippery-smooth and soft, despite its density; it's fresh with acidity and licoricey through the finish. It was a hot season but this feels pitch perfect.

OF PREVIOUS VINTAGES

A step to a more serious cabernet here. This wine speaks strongly to Barossa Valley's fruit depth and concentration. JamesSuckling.com, 2018

Boy, this is one of the best I have tasted... Such a seamless and elegant wine... A beauty. Ray Jordan, April 2018

It's elegant. It's fresh. It's lengthy. It just does its thing and remarkably well at that. It drinks very well, thank you very much, right now but under screwcap, with such good balance and understatement of tannin, it will live for a long time – given appropriate storage conditions. The Wine Front, Campbell Mattinson, 2015