



2015 BRAND'S LAIRA 1968 VINES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINEYARD REGION	Coonawarra, South Australia
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Vintage 2015 commenced in the second last week of February with harvests of red varieties beginning in early March with Shiraz and Merlot being picked simultaneously. Shiraz displays classic spicy plum fruits and Merlot showing varietal dark fruits with powerful yet fine tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon harvest began late March with resulting wines exhibiting classic Cabernet aromas of blackcurrant/blackberry, intense colour and powerful fine grained tannin structures.
COLOUR	Crimson red.
AROMA	The nose displays cassis, mulberry and plum fruits with spice and subtle dusty cedar oak from barrel fermentation and maturation.
PALATE	A powerfully structured palate displaying cassis, dark berry fruits and dusty oak characters with a very solid tannin structure leading to a long finish with lingering fruit flavours.
VINIFICATION AND MATURATION	The fruit for this wine was sourced from our oldest block of Cabernet Sauvignon planted in 1968; it is located on the Laira vineyard in central Coonawarra on classic terra rossa soil. The fruit was hand-picked and fermented in a small oak vat and puncheon barrels. Through ferment the barrels were plunged by hand with the fruit pressed in a traditional hand operated basket press the wine then transferred back to the barrels it was fermented in and the balance of the volume going to second use French oak to complete fermentation. On completion of fermentation the wine was racked from the barrels to tank, adjusted as necessary and then pumped back to the washed barrels for maturation. After 20 months individual barrels were assessed and the blend assembled and bottled
PEAK DRINKING	Will last for 20+ years with the correct cellaring.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol 14.0% TA 7.0g/L pH 3.47 RS 0g/L*

*Glucose & Fructose

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