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HARDYS
1853

THOMAS HARDY

CABERNET

SAUVIGNON

2013

Winemaker's Notes

This wine is made as a tribute to Thomas Hardy, our company founder, and one of South Australia's greatest wine pioneers and visionaries. In keeping with Thomas's philosophy of blending between regions, this wine combines two of Australia's best regions for Cabernet Sauvignon, namely Coonawarra and Margaret River. Each region contributes its unique terroir to the final blend.

The 2013 vintage was an excellent vintage in Margaret River. The region experienced below average winter rainfall and recorded average temperatures and rainfall during spring and summer. These conditions meant rapid berry development with adequate water reserves, ensuring the fruit retained flavour and freshness. Coonawarra also experienced an excellent vintage, characterised by a warm, dry summer and a cool autumn. A late "Indian summer" afforded winemakers the opportunity to steadily pick the grapes without the pressure of an early season break.

This is a small volume wine that was handled separately through its life and carefully blended to complement the classic characteristics of the regions in which the grapes were grown, producing a powerful, yet elegant and refined style of Cabernet Sauvignon.

Tasting Notes

Wine Style

Sweet 1 2 3 4 **5** Dry
Light 1 2 3 4 **5** Full bodied

Colour:

Deep red crimson edge

Bouquet:

Leaf and spice notes dominate with fragrant black currant and mulberry fruits. Balanced aromatics that are further complexed with notes of cedar and sandalwood spice, delivering classic Cabernet aromas

Palate:

Brooding and powerful palate showing sweet bright fruits of dark plum and ripe berry beautifully integrated with subtle oak spice and sweetness. Fine lingering tannin structure gives this wine great balance and persistence of flavour



Gold Medal, 2015
Decanter World Wine Awards



Gold Medal, 2015
New York World Wine and Spirit competition



Gold Medal, 2016
Sydney Royal Wine Show

Vintage Release

2013

Alcohol

14.0%

Residual Sugar

2.3g/l

Acidity

6.4 g/L

pH

3.54

Winemaker

Paul Lapsley

Region

Coonawarra
Margaret River

Grape Variety

Cabernet
Sauvignon

Fermentation

Small parcel - Open
100% Malolactic

Cellaring

15+ years

Oak Maturation

100% French Oak

Soil Type

Gravelly Loam - Margaret River
Red Terra Rossa - Coonawarra

Climate

Maritime influenced

Age of Vines

15+ years

Harvesting

Hand picked