

P A R I N G A TM



CABERNET 2002 SAUVIGNON

The River Murray is to Australia what the Mississippi is to America and the Rhine is to Europe. Fed from the snow country of the Australian Alps the Murray traces a leisurely 2,000 mile course to the Southern Ocean. In its lower reaches, in the state of South Australia, the Murray winds through lush vineyards that produce about 50% of Australia's wine production.

The Paringa vineyards, situated near the viticultural centre of Renmark, are owned by the Hickinbotham family, whose connections with the Australian wine industry go back sixty years.

This wine reflects the clean environment and combination of water, soil and sunshine that is uniquely Australian. Made from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes the wine is a clear dark ruby, with a bouquet full of lush fruit character. The rich fruitiness continues on to the palate, with plenty of varietal character overlaying a subtle touch of oak which leads to a firm, clean finish.

INDIVIDUAL VINEYARD

14.0% ALC/VOL

PRODUCT OF AUSTRALIA

750ML

2002 PARINGA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Year: 2002

Brand: Paringa

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Varietal: 100%

Region: South Australia

Bottle Size: 750ml Stelvin

Total Case Production: 25,000 cases

Tasting Notes:

Colour: Ruby purple with a deep dark hue

Bouquet: Classic nose of intense black coffee and crème

Palate: Cassis earth and spice box complex rich and chewy, with a powerful rich intense fruit driven finish.

Analytical Data: Alcohol 14%, Total acidity: 6.6 g/l, Residual sugar: 0.4 g/l, pH: 3.67

Vintage Comments:

Yield: 10 tonnes per acre

Harvest: March 2002

Vintage started in mid-February which is late for the Riverland. The yield was approximately 10% bigger than last year's record harvest. A relatively cool spring and mild summer resulted in good fruit set and optimum ripening with yields well above expectations. The weather during vintage was warm to mild with no rain. However, due to the cooler nights, the vintage did go later than normal.

Producer: The ARH Australian Wine Company Pty Ltd

Grower/Owner: David & Dena Hickinbotham

Winemaker: Mike Farmilo

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