

HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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CABERNET
SAUVIGNON
MERLOT
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TASTING NOTES

Dense brick red, youthful appearance.

Attractive array of aromas, Black Forest cake, kirsch, dark cherry and chocolate with cedary oak providing background. These fruit characters are in the fully ripe spectrum typical of the 1995 growing season, which was warm and consistent. There is a great depth in the bouquet and a complexity of characters evident.

There is good carry over of the characters to the palate, with rich and ripe Black Forest cake flavours seen again. The wine has a full and fleshy mid palate with a soft attractive lingering finish. The oak is in the background providing excellent structure to the wine but not exhibiting a distinct flavour which betrays the high quality of the fruit that it can soak up 100% new French oak for over two years absorbing the impact and flavours seamlessly.

The 1995 season was warm and unbroken by rain allowing consistent fruit development; the challenge was to harvest at optimum ripeness and with full flavour development without being jammy or over ripe thus maintaining delicacy and elegance. I believe the 1995 Howard Park Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot has achieved this objective. This wine is only now just beginning to come into its own, passing through a clumsy youth to evolve into a full flavoured, rich and soft wine with voluptuous characters and sufficient structure to be confident that it will progress further for greater rewards.

Michael Kerrigan
Chief Winemaker
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VARIETY

1995 Cabernet
Sauvignon Merlot

REGION

Western Australia

CELLARING

Long term.



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