

HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CABERNET
SAUVIGNON
MERLOT
1996



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TASTING NOTES

The 1996 vintage was relatively cool when compared to the previous two seasons. This is certainly obvious in the firmness of style. Whilst the aromas of the wine are still ripe and fruit driven, you can sense the strength and structure behind the perfume. Blackcurrant/blackberry aromas are still dominant though intermingled with brambles and cedary oak.

Twenty four months aging in what was initially 100% brand new French oak has not dampened the strong flavours either. Strong intense fruit is required to be able to stand up to this treatment and is one of the main reasons why the selection criteria is always stringent.

Palate is initially firm but still fruit driven. As the wine breathes, the blackcurrant and blackberry fruit flavours intermingle with the soft

supple tannins and vanillan oak. Length of flavour is obvious on swallowing as its intensity and depth are revealed.

A rewarding wine for those who choose to cellar and forget for a decade or more.

Eminently suitable to full flavoured meat dishes and hard cheeses

VARIETY

1996 Cabernet
Sauvignon Merlot

REGION

Western Australia

CELLARING

Long term,
10 or more years



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