

HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HOWARD PARK 'SCOTSDALE' CABERNET SAUVIGNON 1999



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TECHNICAL NOTES

Throughout late March and April 1999 the Great Southern region of Western Australia experienced ideal grapegrowing conditions with high sunshine hours and warm temperatures. During the season two very small batches of fruit, 2 tonnes from the Frankland and 1.5 tonnes from Mt. Barker, were identified as demonstrating the qualities that we look for in great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon; intensity with restraint and an unmistakable earthiness and ripe richly textured tannins. The grapes were hand harvested and fermented in open vats with an extended period of time on skins after the completion of fermentation. The wine was matured in 100% French oak barrels for 18 months followed by 6 months bottle maturation.

TASTING NOTES

The 1999 Howard Park 'Scotsdale' Cabernet Sauvignon has youthful bright red hues with a dense centre. The wine exhibits aromas typical of the best Great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon; earthy, dusty characters with ripe cassis fruits and chocolaty scents. The palate is rich but restrained with blackberry and blood plum flavours. The hallmark of the wine is the silky texture of the ripe tannins that so define Great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon.

VARIETY

Cabernet Sauvignon

REGION

100% Great Southern

CELLARING

Medium term

5-8 years recommended



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