

# HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## ABERCROMBIE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2011

### ABOUT ABERCROMBIE

The Abercrombie is Howard Park Wines finest Cabernet Sauvignon. In most years the wine is a blend of grapes sourced from the Dennis vineyard in Mount Barker and the Leston vineyard in Margaret River. Our long term commitment to and passion for grape growing in the two major premium grape growing regions of Western Australia is reflected in this wine.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### THE GROWING SEASON OF 2011

The 2011 growing season in the south west of Western Australia was favourable for the production of great wine. After a winter of sufficient rain, the spring to autumn period was warm to hot, dry and characterised by less than average summer precipitation or humidity. An added bonus to the benign harvest conditions was the explosion of native blossom which sated the otherwise grape-loving, resident bird populations.

### VINIFICATION

All grapes selected for Abercrombie are handpicked, destemmed and sorted before fermentation in a mix of small static fermenters and open stainless steel vats. The grapes are hand-plunged and pumped over as required to balance the extraction of colour, tannin and flavour. Each fermenter is basket-pressed to French oak barriques for 18 months of maturation which allows for the thorough integration of the oak and grape tannins. The wine is minimally fined then filtered prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

The dense and dark ruby colour implies youth, richness and intensity. Presently the bouquet is restrained yet suggestive of abundantly ripe dark berry fruits fine, sweet French oak spice. The promise of the nose washes the palate with dense blackberry and blackcurrant fruits, hints of sweet mint and freshly rubbed herbs. Powerful and opulent, the palate is deftly cradled in well integrated ripe fruit and fine oak tannins and a soft acidity.

A wine with a subtlety of presence that will blossom with time and age with grace.

Date tasted: 7 February 2014 Janice McDonald Winemaker

### CELLARING

After 6 months of settling in the bottle the wine is released. The 2011 is an outstanding vintage of Abercrombie that will take time it's time to reach maturity yet will cellar well for more than a decade. This wine will drink at its best from 2015

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### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Variety:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Vintage:</b>	2011
<b>Region:</b>	Margaret River 75% Mount Barker 25%
<b>Vineyards:</b>	Margaret River – Leston Block 8 (planted 1997) and Block 29 (planted 2007) Mount Barker – Dennis (planted 1975)
<b>Harvested:</b>	28 & 31 March - Margaret River 6 April - Mount Barker
<b>Maturation:</b>	18 months in 70% new
<b>pH:</b>	3.65
<b>Total Acid:</b>	6.4g/L
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14%



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