

2023 WILD CHILD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

STORY BEHIND THE WINE

Cabernet Sauvignon's origins reveal it was the **Wild Child** of two similar sounding grapes after a chance crossing in the seventeenth century. Growers suspected this due to the shared characters with both Franc and Blanc. Moreover, the name Sauvignon itself derives from 'sauvage', the French for wild.

THE WINERY

Langmeil Winery respectfully acknowledges the Kurna, Ngadjuri and Peramangk people, past, present and future, the traditional custodians of the land on which we grow and make our wines.

The Lindner family of Langmeil Winery has been immersed in the Barossa's culture of farming, food, wine and community for six generations. Their commitment to quality in all aspects is unwavering and any wine that bears the Langmeil name represents the family's pursuit of excellence in wine and community.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2023 VINTAGE REPORT

2023 saw a much later start to vintage due to higher-than-average winter rains followed by mild spring and summer temperatures. Above-average yields also added to the slow ripening time.

The lovely, aromatic, balanced whites and elegant, structured, somewhat spicier, peppery reds reflect the mild conditions. The wet start to the growing season added disease pressure with downy mildew reducing the crop, and botrytis reared its head in late-ripening vineyards. Harvest finished in early May, and it was a struggle to ripen some of our Eden Valley reds fully. Overall, 2023 was a cooler and fresher vintage expression, and we missed out on some of our premium parcels of Eden Valley fruit. On the plus side, our dams in the Eden Valley are full for a change!

Colour: Medium to deep crimson with purple hues.

Aroma: Bright, juicy blueberry and blackcurrant leap out of the glass with cassis, brambly spice and hints of chocolate and earth.

Palate: The juicy blue fruits flow through the medium-bodied palate and combine with brambly and sweet spices. Fine-grained tannins give the juicy fruit balance and a long and fruity finish.

Cellaring: 2024-2034

Food match: Lamb chops; rack of lamb; prime rib steak; barbecued meats; hearty tomato pasta; pizza Diavola.

Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker



GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Barossa Valley

GRAPE COMPOSITION

85% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Malbec

OAK TREATMENT

Seasoned French oak

TIME IN OAK

Twelve months

VINE AGE

10 to 15-year-old vines

SUB REGIONAL SOURCE

Dorrien, Gomersal, Lyndoch, Nuriootpa, Sheoak-log, Stonewell, Tanunda and Vine Vale

YIELD PER ACRE

2.5 to 3.5 tonnes per acre

TRELLISING

Mostly single wire, permanent arm

SOIL TYPE

Black Biscay clay, and deep red clay

HARVEST DETAILS

16 March

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.44

TA: 6.41 g/L

Residual Sugar: 2.4 g/L

VA: 0.57 g/L