



## Mamre Brook Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

No history of the Barossa Valley or the Australian wine industry is complete without the mention of Saltram. Established in 1859 by William Salter & Sons, Saltram wines have a proud 150 Year history of quality winemaking and commitment to the Barossa region. An immigrant from England, William Salter was one of the first people to purchase land in the newly opened land survey known as the Barossa Valley. He built a stone house for his family, naming it Mamre Brook which still stands today at the home of Saltram. Saltram wines have long been known for their richness, intensity and character - whether the wine is fresh bright Riesling or a deep and complex Barossa red.

The Cabernet Sauvignon for the 2011 Mamre Brook Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from mature low yielding vines primarily from the Grenock district within the Barossa region of South Australia. It was fermented in traditional fermenters for up to 10 days before being pressed off skins and racked into new and seasoned French oak vats and barrels with a small proportion being matured in new American oak barrels. The wine matured in oak for eighteen months before final blending and bottling.

## Winemaker Comments Shavaughn Wells

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### Vineyard Region

Barossa Valley

### Vintage Conditions

The 2011 vintage was characterised by a cool, wet ripening season across many regions including the Barossa. This resulted in a later harvest period and disease pressure to varying degrees across the regions vineyards. Despite the difficult conditions many vineyards across the Barossa were able to fully ripen during this long slow season producing wines with full flavours and matured tannins.

### Technical Analysis

#### Harvest Date

pH 3.4

Acidity 7.2g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar 0.3g/L

Bottling Date April 2012

**Peak Drinking** This wine will gain complexity and interest over the next six to eight years if cellared carefully.

### Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon

### Maturation

The wine was matured for eighteen months in new and seasoned French oak vats accounting for 62% of the blend; the balance was matured in a combination of seasoned and new French oak barrels with a small proportion 6% being matured in new American oak.

### Colour

Deep red.

### Nose

This full bodied Cabernet Sauvignon is generous in flavour with notes of dark cassis and bramble, layered with undertones of rich dark chocolate and subtle oak influences.

### Palate

The palate is layered with fine gravelly Cabernet Sauvignon tannins and flavours of mulberry and dark fresh plums which linger on the palate.