

# SALTRAM

**BAROSSA VALLEY** 

# 2012 SALTRAM EDWARD SALTER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

In 1859 William Salter formed a partnership with his son Edward, founding the firm W Salter & Son. Edwards commitment to the Barossa wine community for over half a century cemented the foundation of Saltram Wines Estates and contributed to the greater success of the Barossa region that we know today. His understanding of wine and the export market saw him introduce Cabernet Sauvignon to Saltram. This wine is a salute to the Salter legacy and Edward's dedication, commitment and passion for Cabernet Sauvignon and the Barossa region.

The 2012 vintage conditions were remarkable enabling Cabernet Sauvignon to mature on the vine gradually, the foundation of exceptional quality. Sourced from a handful of mature low yielding vineyards from the Barossa valley with each parcel attributing a deliberate level of complexity and character to the blend. This wines is a classic statement of intensity and finesse.

This wine displays varietal notes of violet, cassis and mulberry emanate with distinctive driving tannins underpinning the wines depth and generosity. Full bodied, plush and mouth filling with fine, velvety tannins. Concentrated flavours of blackberries, blood plum and pure dark chocolate. A seamless structure and lingering flavour.

Vineyard Region: Barossa Valley
Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

pH: 3.48g/L Acidity: 7.3 Alcohol: 14%

**Bottling Date: 03/2015** 

**Peak Drinking:** 

This wines is a classic statement of intensity and finesse. Careful cellar 15 years plus.

## **SHAVAUGHN WELLS WINEMAKER COMMENTS**

#### **Vintage Conditions:**

Great winter rain fall allowed for a fantastic start to the 2012 vintage. With soil profiles full of moisture and even cool to warm days with cool nights allowed for a very long and even ripening period. A small heat spike early in the New Year hurried ripening on a little but the cool nights and good moisture levels held the vines canopies intact and protected the fruit from over exposure. These conditions were ideal for ripening Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon allowing the seeds, skins and flavours to all align in ripeness resulting in wines with great depth of flavour, even textural tannins and brightness.

### **Maturation:**

This wine was matured in seasoned and new French oak vats with a small balance matured in New French oak barrels. Maturation in larger vats enables the rich tannins to soften and complex over time while ensuring the individual characteristics of the vineyard are not overwhelmed.

**Nose:** Richly layered wine brimming with notes of fresh black berries, pure dark chocolate and savoury notes reminiscent of black olives.