

Helmsman Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Central Ranges 2014



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Winemaker Notes

The winemaker's art of blending comes to the fore here, with the two key red Bordeaux varieties, Merlot (80%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (20%) combining to deliver generous red fruits, rounded tannins and a pleasing finish.

Vineyards

Containing some of the higher, cooler vineyard sites in the state, the Central Ranges is an important, recently designated wine-growing zone. It is sometimes better known for the regions it comprises: running north to south along the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range (and in descending order of size): Mudgee, Orange and Cowra.

Winemaking

Traditional red wine vinification in stainless steel tanks in order to retain as much fruit flavour profile as possible.

Vintage

The 2014 season started early following a relatively short dry winter. Warmer than average temperatures in spring saw an early budburst and the growing season was a warm one. December saw temperatures reach mid to high 30 degrees, with very little rain. Although there were smaller crops, the quality of fruit was a good one.

Grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon 80.0%

Merlot 20.0%

Region

Central Ranges

ABV

13%

pH

3.95

Total Acidity

4.29 g/l

Residual Sugar

6.5 g/l

Drink now...

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Food match

Enjoy with:

- Grilled & Roasted Red Meats
- Pizza/Pasta
- Casseroles/Stews

Tasting Guide



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