The 'Pugilist' Cabernet Sauvignon,,The Character Series, South Australia, Australia, 2014

Producer Profile

Our Character Series is a highly distinctive collection of expressive and authentic wines from the premium regions of South Australia such as McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, Eden Valley, Langhorne Creek and the Limestone Coast. These hugely characterful wines from the state that rightly calls itself 'The Wine State' express varietal characteristics and a true sense of place. Based on illustrations by 19th Century French cartoonist J J Grandville, the humorous packaging offers a motley crew of characters from which to choose depending, perhaps, on whose character you most identify with!

Viticulture

Soil is high coastline schist. Vine are planted at 550m and south - south east facing. Grapes were machine harvested in late April.

Winemaking

The wine was fermented on skins for a period of 14 days with pump-overs 4 times daily. At pressing the more astringent pressings fractions were separated off to maintain a soft well rounded palate, with small amounts of pressings blended back later to ensure a well structured wine, but without too much astringency. Wine was racked and everything went into seasoned french barriques.

Oak Treatment

Time: 10 months; Type: French; %oaked: 100;

Tasting Note

The nose shows an array of perfumed characters such as violets, oregano & thyme, along with glacé cherry aromas. Sweet ripe cherry fruit dominates the front palate which then develops into a more savoury wine, showing earthiness, toasted spices and lovely dried herb characters.

Food Matching

Wonderful with roast beef or grilled sirloin.

Technical Details

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%
ABV: 14.5%
Closure: Screwcap
Colour: Red
Style: Still
Suitable for Vegetarians: No
Suitable for Vegans: No
Organic: No
Biodynamic: No