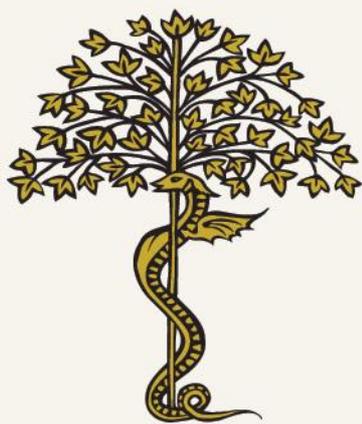


# HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## 2012 SCOTSDALE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### THE VINTAGE

The 2012 growing conditions in the south west of Western Australia were, yet again, favourable for the making of great wine. After a winter of just enough rain, the spring to autumn period was continuously warm to hot, dry and characterised by less than average summer precipitation or humidity. An added bonus to the benign harvest conditions was the explosion of native blossom which sated the otherwise grape-loving, resident bird populations. The Mount Barker sub region experienced warm to hot conditions throughout vintage. Hot spells in March magnified the effect of little spring or summer rain. With soil moisture very low, the cooler south facing vineyards did receive some reprieve off the southern ocean. This relief was however limited as the seasonal onshore streams that deliver coastal drizzle and cooler conditions across the region, were weaker than normal. These warmer than average conditions did accelerate ripeness and allowed most varieties to be harvested early.

### THE VINEYARD

Fruit for the 2012 Scotsdale Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from our flagship Abercrombie vineyard in Mount Barker. This iconic vineyard has been a fruit source for the very best of our Cabernet based wines since the inception of Howard Park in 1986. Fully mature vines approaching 40 years of age are perfectly attuned to their site and provide a special resource of this noble grape variety which we consider ourselves fortunate to have at our disposal. Low, balanced yields from these old vines ensure that the finished wines express concentrated fruit purity typical of the best Cabernet Sauvignon.

### WINEMAKING

Harvest of the Scotsdale Cabernet Sauvignon fruit occurred in late March 2012. Vinification was conducted in both open and closed stainless steel fermenters with diligent cap management to extract fine fruit tannin and strong varietal flavour. Selected parcels remained on skins post the fermentation to further enhance the tannin profile while others were pressed at dryness to retain fruit vibrancy. After pressing, each batch is retained and managed separately throughout vinification and maturation in order to build a wine history over time. Barrel maturation for 20 months in 40 % new and 60% older French oak barriques allowed for the thorough integration of oak and grape tannins. The wine was blended from a selection of the best batches of the Scotsdale Cabernet Sauvignon. After egg white fining and light filtration, the wine was bottled in February 2014.

### TASTING NOTE

Vivid, dark ruby colour. The nose is alluring and plush; rich plum and currants, violets, rose petal and cocoa. A luxurious and seamless texture delivers flavour in unfurling layers across the palate – concentrated blueberry, blackcurrant, vanilla, coffee and aniseed. A perfectly delicate expression of cabernet fruit with a powerful yet yielding structural framework which will support the wine for a long period of time.

*A stylish and elegant, continental climate Cabernet, from an exceptional vintage.*

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CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON  
2012



### TECHNICAL DATA

Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

### REGION

Great Southern, Mount Barker

### CELLARING

Drink from 2015-2032

**Alcohol:** 14%v/v

**pH:** 3.49

**Acidity:** 6.4g/L

**Residual Sugar:** 0.5g/L



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