



Balgownie Estate



## 2009 BALGOWNIE ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Mark Lane  
 REGION: Bendigo, Victoria, Australia  
 VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon  
 MATURATION: 18 months in French oak (40% new)  
 ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.0 g/L | pH: 3.75

### WINEMAKING:

The fruit for the 2009 Estate Cabernet was harvested from the third to the fourth week of March. Cooler conditions and timely pre-vintage rains enabled the team to pick the fruit at optimum ripeness. After crushing and destemming the fruit was cold soaked for several days before fermentation commenced in open vats and static tanks. Traditional hand plunging and pump over techniques were utilised to gently extract tannins and provide structure. A portion of the blend was macerated post ferment for two weeks. The subsequent wine was aged for 18 months in French barriques (40% new) prior to bottling in December 2010.

### TASTING NOTES:

This wine is mid-red in color, with excellent depth. It displays a classical varietal aroma of plums and cassis combined with hints of leaf and French oak. It has a gorgeous, intense palate of perfectly ripe red and black fruits wrapped in mouth-coating dusty tannins; a complex palate with balance and structure. If well cellared, this wine will age gracefully for 10-15 years.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion

### ABOUT BALGOWNIE ESTATE:

Balgownie Estate is one of Australia's greatest small vineyard estates. Located near the historic gold mining town of Bendigo in central Victoria, the estate was established in 1968 on a superb site of alluvial soil. From the first vintage in 1972, Balgownie Estate's wines drew critical acclaim, setting the pace for the many who followed by planting vines in the area. Now the most respected name in the region, the wines stand as benchmarks of a central Victorian style reliant on well-ripened fruit, distinctive local terroir and sympathetic use of oak.



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