



Balgownie Estate



## 2012 BALGOWNIE ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**WINEMAKER :** Tony Winspear  
**REGION :** Bendigo, Victoria, Australia  
**VARIETALS :** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
**MATURATION :** 18 months in 100% French oak (40% new)  
**ANALYSIS :** 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.7 g/L | pH: 3.75

### WINEMAKING :

The 2012 growing season saw mild temperatures and good overall rainfall including several inches just before harvest. The thick skins of the Cabernet were up to the task and there was no subsequent splitting or disease issues. Hand harvesting commenced in mid March and concluded the first week of April. The grapes were destemmed into open vats and stainless tanks for fermentation. After ferment a portion was held for extended maceration. The wine then matured for 18 months in 40% new French barriques.

### TASTING NOTES :

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon shows classic aromas of red and black currants combined with leafy notes and cedar oak. The palate combines both complexity and intensity of flavor, in the traditional Balgownie cellar worthy style, with great palate length stewarded to its conclusion by layer upon layer of beautiful ripe tannins. A wine with great focus and purity which will accompany protein rich dishes now and for the next 10-15 years when cellared carefully.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

94 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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