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Alex 88 Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

The Alex 88 block is named after Miss Nora Alexander, who owned and lived there until her death in the mid 1960s. Mildara winery acquired the parcel of prized terra rossa soil and then sold it to Wynns some years later.

Wynns planted Cabernet Sauvignon vines on the block in 1988 (hence Alex 88) and it has been a regular contributor to John Riddoch and Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon. The winemaking team have high regard for this vineyard and are proud to bottle it as a single vineyard wine.

In the last few years fruit from Alex 88 has been used in several trials including a viticultural Masters thesis - with promising results that justified making this single vineyard wine.

Previous single vineyard releases include the 2001 Harold Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2003 and 2004 Johnson's Block Shiraz Cabernet and the 2005 Messenger Cabernet Sauvignon.

Winemaker Comments Sue Hodder

Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

Vintage Conditions

A dry, warm winter promoted good bud burst followed by a spring with limited frost concerns, which meant overall vine health was excellent. January was hot and dry, tempered by a cool February that steadied ripening. Warm weather at harvest ensured full flavour development.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date April 2006

pH 3.56

Acidity 7.05g/L

Alcohol 14.0%

Residual Sugar 0.0g/L

Bottling Date February 2008

Peak Drinking From 2011 to 2020.

Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon

Maturation

14 months in 100% new French oak barriques and hogsheads.

Colour

Dark red with a purple hue.

Nose

Violets and mint on the nose, lifted dark berry fruits and attractive Terra Rossa influence sits well with balanced French oak.

Palate

Full bodied, yet fine with great persistence of flavour, Alex 88 is a great example of Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon, delivering blackberry fruit and integrated oak, with lingering tannins adding length on the finish.