

BELLARINE PENINSULA, GEELONG

TASTING NOTE

2016 OAKDENE BERNARD'S CABERNETS



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Appearance

Deep crimson in colour

Bouquet

Complex bouquet of bright mulberry and blackcurrent fruits, leafy notes and cedar oak.

Palate

The palate is medium bodied, dominated by red and black currant notes, and a refreshing tobacco leaf edge. Balanced by a firm but fine tannin backbone, fresh acidity, and elegant, classic, bright red fruit characters.

Conclusion

Drink now or cellar for 5 to 12 years.

Technical Analysis Vineyard Location

Wallington, Bellarine Peninsula, Geelong, Victoria, Australia Latitude -38.233674 Longitude 144.540137

Climate

Maritime climate moderated by Bass Strait to the south, the Rip at Port Phillip Heads to the east, Swan Bay and Port Phillip bay to the North, and the Barwon River to the west.

Soils

Moderate draining loam over a clay loam subsoil

Trellis style

Vertical shoot positioning (VSP)

Blend &Clones Vines Planted

63% Merlot Q45-14, 8R 2008

23% Cabernet Franc 1334 14% Cabernet Sauvignon CW44

Yield Case Production

1.3 tonnes per acre 250 cases

Fermentation

Hand harvested fruit was destemmed, crushed then soaked for 5 days prior to fermentation using wild yeast in small open vats peaking at 28 degrees C with 7 days maceration on skins post ferment. Pressed to barrel for malolactic fermentation, and matured in French oak barriques (30% new) for 16 months, and bottled in August 2017.

Winemaker Robin Brockett, Marcus Holt

Alcohol 13.4% v/v