



## 2002 BALGOWNIE ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Region

Bendigo, Victoria

### Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon

### Maturation

French and American oak

### Technical Analysis

14.5 % alc/vol

### Background

Established in 1969 at Maiden Gully in Victoria, Balgownie Estate was a pioneer in the renaissance of the Bendigo wine region. This great 85-acre estate is back in the hands of a private owner who is committed to the estate's tradition of producing two single vineyard wines, a cabernet sauvignon and shiraz, since 1972.

The winemaking philosophy has remained the same for over 30 years, applying a combination of traditional methods. The reds are hand plunged during ferment in small open, concrete fermenters, to produce the deep, richly flavored reds that typify Bendigo terroir.



### Viticulture

The fruit used to make this wine was sourced exclusively from the Estate vineyard, at Bendigo, which was originally planted between 1969 and the early 1970s, with the average age of the cabernet sauvignon vines being 30 years.

### Winemaking

Traditional fermentation techniques were employed to enhance the intense flavor of the grapes. The wine was made using small open fermenters, which were hand plunged several times a day. The wine was pressed off skins at dryness and transferred into a combination of new and seasoned French and American oak barrels where it underwent maturation prior to bottling.

### Tasting Notes

The wine is a deep red color and offers ripe berry and plum fruit on the nose with cedary oak. The palate is full bodied with sweet berry and plum fruit with persistent fine tannins. A wine which shows both structure and excellent ageing potential.

### Additional Notes :

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