

SINCE ESTABLISHING HUTTON VALE IN 1843, SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF THE ANGAS FAMILY HAVE PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE STORY OF THE BAROSSA, AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST WINE REGION. KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAND, VINEYARDS AND SEASONS GATHERED OVER 160 YEARS NOW BELONGS TO 6TH GENERATION CUSTODIANS JOHN AND JAN ANGAS. SURROUNDED BY FARM LAND IN THE HIGH EDEN VALLEY, THE VINEYARDS ARE DRY GROWN IN TINY POCKETS OF SPECIAL SOILS TO YIELD A SMALL QUANTITY OF EXCEPTIONAL WINE. IT IS KYM TEUSNER'S PRIVILEGE TO MAKE WINES THAT EXPRESS THE DISTINCTIVE PROVENANCE AND RARE PEDIGREE OF THE HUTTON VALE VINEYARDS.



We have always been impressed with the Cabernet Sauvignon wines made in the Eden Valley and believe the variety is particularly well suited to the higher altitude and cooler nights. With this in mind John planted Cabernet Sauvignon in 1998 on a raised site close to the Hutton Vale homestead.

The vineyard is located on a gently sloping site of red loam interspersed with ironstone gravel. Any rainfall on this site tends to run off quickly. Whilst the vineyard has a westerly aspect, the north south rows protect the fruit from the hot afternoon sun. The dry conditions combined with the lean and tough soils ensure yields from this vineyard are very low....even by Hutton Vale standards. In retrospect, that we take such a small crop from this vineyard is probably why the fruit is so intensely flavoured. That's quite a bit of space for so few grapes to draw flavour from.

The quality of Cabernet Sauvignon grown in the Eden Valley is generally superb, but when the yields are this low it is outstanding. The 2009 cropped at less than half a ton to the acre.

With such tiny berries, a gently, gently approach was needed in the winery to avoid excessive tanning extraction. The bunches were de-stemmed to a small fermenter with maceration completed by hand pump overs. The wine was aged for two years in tightly grained French oak hogsheads.

There are beautiful notes of violets and briary black currant on the nose. The flavours on the palate are intense with the rich fruit coupled with typical Eden Valley minerality that keeps the wine nice and taut. The finish of fine grained cedar and briar like tannins guarantees a long life ahead for this wine.