



# Are you Game?

## 2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### FOWLES WINE

The Fowles Wine vineyards and winery are located in the dramatic granite landscape of Strathbogie Ranges region of Victoria, Australia.

Fowles Wine crafts some of Australia's finest cool climate wines, winning many of Australia's most prestigious wine medals and trophies.

The Fowles Wine team is energetic and enterprising, continuing to break new ground by proudly taking the Strathbogie Ranges 'message in a bottle' to the world with some of Australia's most exciting wines.

### ARE YOU GAME? WINE RANGE

We love to source our food from the wild or grow it at home. Nothing beats the taste of food and wine as nature intended it – real: pure, slow grown and full of flavour. So like us, why not keep it real and go wild with food and wine matching...

Real food. Real wine. Are you Game?

(Psssst! Love this? Then try our *Ladies who Shoot their Lunch* range: [www.ladieswhoshoot.com](http://www.ladieswhoshoot.com))

### REGION

Sharing latitudinal pedigree with Gisborne in New Zealand; Sonoma and Napa Valleys in the USA; Mendoza in Argentina; Sicily in Italy and Jerez in Spain, Victoria is the southern-most and coolest State of mainland Australia, famed for its diverse wine regions and cool climate.

Home to Fowles Wine vineyards and winery, the Strathbogie Ranges is characterised by massive granite boulders – the very boulders that have given rise, over millions of years, to the sandy loam soils in which our vines grow.

This is a harsh Australian landscape with soil that is nutrient poor and retains very little water – difficult for farmers to grow livestock, but a wonderful landscape for grape growers seeking to grow fruit with great intensity. Couple these attributes with the cool climate, gentle aspect and glorious summer sunshine and the Strathbogie Ranges is an ideal region for growing grapes and making wine.

The mean January temperature is 19.15°C and the average annual rainfall in our family vineyards is 700 mm (28 inches).

Harvest in the Strathbogie Ranges generally occurs from late February through to early May.





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### WINEMAKING

The fruit for this wine was harvested during the day between 27 March and 9 April in 2009.

This wine was fermented in high tech sweep-arm fermenters to maximise flavour and colour.

We fermented this wine at around 24° Celsius in stainless steel tanks to preserve primary fruit flavours. We chose to use a yeast strain called AWRI-796. As a relatively neutral yeast strain, AWRI-796 exercises little influence over the fruit, allowing the natural flavour characteristics of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes to express themselves.

This wine was matured using a combination of new and old French and American Oak.

### THE WINE

With a dash of Merlot, this Cabernet Sauvignon boasts a deep red colour with glints of purple at the rim. Aromas of blackcurrant and plum play with spicy oak notes. On the palate, ripe dark fruits and savoury oak lead to a long, firm finish

PH 3.47      T/A 6.9 g/L      R/S 1g/L      Alc 14.0%

### FOOD MATCH

Served perfectly with mutton shank casserole and winter vegetables.

### CELLARING RECOMMENDATION

Enjoy now or in two to five years.

### WINEMAKERS

Victor Nash and Lindsay Brown

### PRICE:

### NOTES:

