

Are you Game?

2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

FOWLES WINE

The Fowles Wine vineyards and winery are located in the dramatic granite landscape of Strathbogies 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 Strathbogies 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 Wine for Real Food. Are you Game?

(Psssst! Love this? Then try our *Ladies who Shoot their Lunch* range: www.fowleswine.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 Strathbogies 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 Strathbogies 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 Strathbogies Ranges generally occurs from late February through to early May.



WINEMAKING

The majority of the fruit for this wine was harvested from Upton Run during the day on the 3rd and 4th of April.

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

We fermented this wine at around 25° 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 grapes to express themselves.

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

2013 was a warm and dry vintage. Spring was short with very little rain and so we had an early start to summer. This brought harvesting forward by 3 - 4 weeks compared to 'normal' years. There was no rain during the ripening period either. The constant warm, dry and sunny conditions produced red grapes of intense colour and flavour.

This Cabernet for this wine is blended from a number of premium parcels of several blocks with different aspects and micro climates. The Malbec was a small parcel from a neighbouring vineyard called 'Baarrooka' which was hand plunged and fermented in small grape bins, then matured in 500L barrels. The Malbec has intense colour and an intense confectionary fruit character that is great blending component for a wine to match with game.

The blend is Cabernet with a 6% dash of Malbec.

THE WINE

This wine dense cherry red with some youthful shades of purple. The aroma is full of mixed dark fruits, like blackberries and plums, with some subtle mint and smokey notes. The palate is rich and ripe with a juicy blackberry quality and a lovely soft finish.

PH 3.5 T/A 6.3 g/L R/S 0 g/L Alc 14%

FOOD MATCH

Served perfectly alongside slow cooked lamb shanks with thyme and rosemary and a side of buttered green beans.

CELLARING RECOMMENDATION

Enjoy now.

WINEMAKERS

Victor Nash and Lindsay Brown

PRICE:

NOTES: