

VICTORIA CABERNET MERLOT

2007

- Summary:** A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from our two vineyards, this wine is full of leafy blackcurrant and plum fruit balanced with spicy oak and a hint of dark chocolate. It is an elegant wine with great varietal character and a lingering finish.
- Origin:** Sunbury (71%) and Heathcote (29%), Victoria.
- Blend** Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Merlot 40%.
- Viticulture:** Planted 1997 and 1999 (Sunbury); 1999 Heathcote. All VSP trained. Yields averaging less than three tonnes per acre. Harvest dates 8 March (Heathcote Cabernet Sauvignon) and 21 March (Sunbury Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot)
- Vintage:** A warm dry spring ensuring good vine and berry development led to a warm summer and an early ripening of the fruit. This resulted in grapes with excellent flavour development and good acid and tannin balance. Early picking retained fruit freshness and flavour.
- Winemaking:** The grapes were crushed and fermented in open fermenters. Matured for 12 months in new and old French oak barriques. Lightly fined traditionally with egg white.
- Bottled:** September 2008
- Alcohol:** 13.1%
- Ageing:** Enjoy now, or cellar for 4-5 years



EMBRACE LA BELLA VITA