



THE VISIONARY EXCEPTIONAL PARCEL RELEASE

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012

REGION

Clare Valley

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Growing conditions leading up to vintage 2012 were relatively mild, with regular spring rains promoting excellent vine canopy growth. Budburst was earlier than average, and this early start flowed through until harvest time 1 to 2 weeks earlier than in a typical year. Harvest conditions were excellent with only one substantial rain event occurring during harvest. Whilst it happened after most white varieties were picked, it had a positive effect on the red varieties, appearing to freshen them up, particularly the dry-grown blocks. Ideal ripening and flavour development conditions then persisted to the end of the harvesting period. Overall, whilst yields were lower than average, the winemakers reported quality to be outstanding with intense colour and excellent flavour development.

COLOUR

At release, the wine is a deep, dark garnet colour with a subtle purple hue to the edge.

NOSE

Blackcurrants, dark plum, cassis, mocha, cedar, cigar box & subtle choc mint.

PALATE

Well-balanced with rich black fruit characters, interweaving harmoniously with subtle coffee & chocolate. The wine has an understated authority, with layers of complexity building across the palate and finishing gracefully with long, fine tannins. It is a generous wine yet retains both poise & elegance.

OAK MATURATION

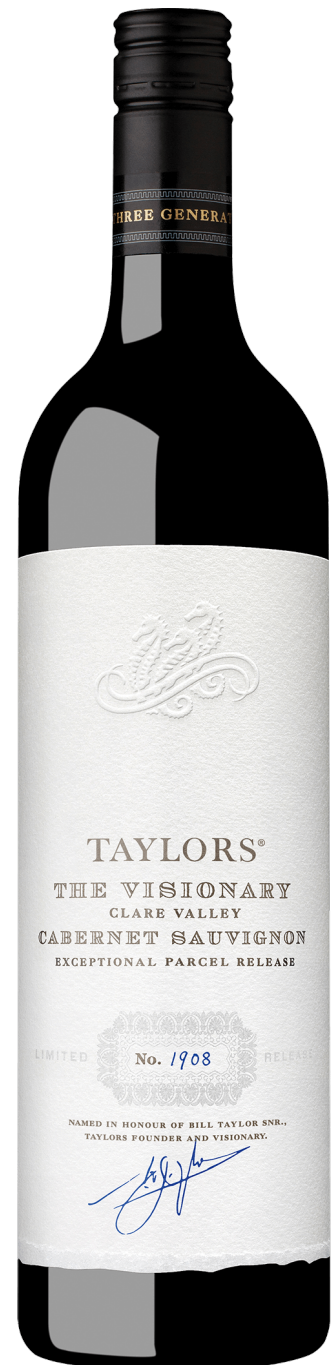
Post MLF, the wine was transferred to fine-grained French oak barrels - 60 % in new oak & the balance in 1 year old barrels, selected for their subtle savoury characters. After 13 months a barrel selection assessment identified 'exceptional' parcels to return to barrel for another 12 months prior to bottling.

CELLARING NOTES

Immediately approachable but will cellar well in ideal conditions for up to 20 years from vintage date.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol	14%	Acid	6.39g/litre
		Residual Sugar	0.39g/litre





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A W A R D S & M E D A L S

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2015	New York International Wine Competition	Trophy
2015	Decanter World Wine Awards	Gold
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2015	Sélections Mondiales Des Vins Canada	Gold
2015	China Wine & Spirit Awards	Gold
2015	MUNDUS VINI International Wine Awards	Gold