



WHIP-HAND

Barossa • Cabernet Sauvignon • 2013

Rich, bold Cabernet - more Californian in terms of ripeness and power than elegant Bordeaux.

The Story

The path to the glorious vine is sometimes more than the expected sufferings of the soul. He lost it all; the job, the house, the girl. Searching over the rolling hills, hectares of heat searing thirst; some would have given up, wishing that vivid dream of 99 points wasn't so far away.

Our blue eyed boy has a different tale to tell. His search led to the glorious vine. Not just any vine, but the Master Frank of Vine, yes that's right the true Whip-Hand of all things wine. Life's sweet, forget the rest.

The Wine

Whip-Hand is so named to convey the struggle between winemaker and the forces of nature for mastery over the vineyard – our RedHeads winemaker thinks of it as pitting his wits against whatever nature throws at him. He kept an eye on the vineyards throughout the year so he knew exactly where he could cherry pick his parcels of grapes. We were looking for power, depth and structure, complemented with a little oak-ageing.

In 2013 the grapes came largely from the warm Barossa for ripeness, with a portion from cooler Eden Valley for structure. Using old style open top fermenters, the wine was hand-plunged then aged in large format barrels to encourage complexity rather than overt oakiness.

Tasting Note

As you'd expect from our Whip-Hand this delivers a powerful, very full bodied mouthful. Deep dark red with a brick-coloured rim to show the age. Mellow toasted blackberry, cassis and plum with some spice, tobacco and leather that reveal the wine's maturity.

Food Pairing

After a long, hard day out in the vineyards, our team love nothing better than a slow braised beef short rib alongside their Whip-Hand. The maturity of the wine with it's long-lasting flavour needs a sauce to match! If you can bare to spare some, adding a glass of the wine to the dish for the cooking will elevate it to new levels!

Cellar Potential

That 2013 fruit still has plenty of life left - our Whip-Hand is not ready to be put out to pasture yet. This will continue to mature for another 3-4 years.



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Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol (abv): 14.5%
Total Acidity: 5.8 g/l

Residual Sugar: 0.26 g/l
Wine pH: 3.57
Cellar Potential: 3-4 years

