



**McLaren Vale
Cabernet Franc
Cabernet Sauvignon
2015**

Rare blend of both Cabernets from RedHeads' Dan Graham. Dense black fruit with elegant structure and subtle French oak for complexity.

The Story

Esulé is a tale of modern day tragedy, of being life's outcast, abandoned. The victim is Cabernet, both Sauvignon and Franc varieties. Out of favour they simply don't figure in McLaren Vale fashion right now; lives shattered, the former crown-wearers and A-list left to wander aimlessly. Lest we forget these outcasts are still of royal character... Now, it is Shiraz sits who sits atop the throne. It is us who have changed, not them.

But judging by the power and intensity of the grapes, trendy or not, they should be at the forefront of your palate. So, we're not going to abandon the Cabernets; we are championing them in this superb red that speaks elegant volumes of class and finesse.

The Wine

Cabernet Franc is almost impossible to come by in either the Barossa or the McLaren Vale, but its raspberry-fresh charm was exactly the character Dan desired for the Esulé. Luckily his networking skills rose to the challenge and he discovered Trevor Boerth and Don Oliver.

Both Cabernets are sourced from close-to-the-ocean Willunga, the cooler temperatures of which bring out the intense, bright fruit and firm hand of tannin to support these dense, ripe flavours. Open-top fermentation, hand plunging ... all the handcrafted techniques you expect from RedHeads. While the final touch was ageing for 18 months in 50% new and 50% matured oak - most of which are French oak.

Tasting Note

Dense blackberry and leafy Cabernet notes over a background of rich black fruit and cassis supported by cedary oak and mixed spice. Lovely notes of star anise and clove on the palate with rich dark fruits to support. The Cabernet Franc is the big player here with its generous palate weight and complexity.

Food Pairing

A must with roasted venison with kale chips, game and steak pie, or no-meat vegetarian shepherd's pie with garlic mash topping.

Cellar Potential

Superbly structured, with dense, yet elegant black fruit covering firm tannins, this red has exciting potential. Open early and preferably decant or you could allow this 'woman with gun' to reveal her complete tragedy over to coming years.



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Grapes: Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol (abv): 14.5%
Total Acidity: 6.3 g/l

Residual Sugar: 0.93 g/l
Wine pH: 3.67
Cellar Potential: 8 years



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