

**2013 Novello Cabernet Merlot**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon 54% Merlot 46%**  
**Adelaide Hills, South Australia 100%**

**Wine Analysis**

**Winemaker:** Greg Clack

**Bottled:** December 2013

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Oak:** 10 months - French Oak

**Acid:** 6.6 g/L

**pH:** 3.31

**Residual Sugar:** 4.4g/L

**Sulphur:** 68 mg/L

**In the Vineyard**

Sourced from a number of vineyards consistently producing high quality wines from a combination of the southern and central Adelaide Hills. Both areas provide unique fruit spectrums to the resultant blend.

**In the Winery**

Portions of high quality fruit were fermented separately in stainless steel open fermenters using minimal cap management to limit over extraction and maintain the varietal fruit characters. Fermentation was finished in a combination of stainless steel and old French oak prior to maturation in oak and semi-permeable maturation vessels in order to preserve as much primary fruit as possible.

**In the Glass**

**Colour**

Vibrant deep plum purple with a purple hue

**Bouquet**

Lifted aromas of blackcurrant and mulberry with hints of raspberry, blueberry and redcurrants, supported with integrated dried herbs, chocolate and subtle wood spice.

**Palate**

The palate shows freshness of fruit, primary blackcurrant, redcurrants and fleshy plum with integrated chocolate and mocha notes from the oak. Great body with fullness, length and balanced lively acidity. The tannin structure is elegant and velvety and is matched well to the weight and persistence of flavour. Medium to full bodied, with a long persistent flavoursome finish ensures early drinkability. This wine will suit any mildly flavoured red meat dish.



*Novello is a winemaking style aimed at producing youthful, vibrant fresh wines. This is our interpretation!*

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