

EDEN HALL

Cabernet Sauvignon

{ BLOCK 3 }

EDEN VALLEY 2016

Region:	Eden Valley
Harvested:	30 March 2016
Alcohol:	14.4%
pH:	3.6
Residual sugar:	1.1
Bottled:	24 November 2017

2016 Eden Hall Block 3 Cabernet Sauvignon tasting:

The 2016 EH Cab comes from selected rows in Block 3 and spent 18 months in French Oak followed by more than a year in bottle prior to release. It is opaque crimson in colour opening with mint over sweet bell pepper on the nose followed by generous cassis, black cherry and stewed prune on the palate. A complex, but beautifully balanced wine, with lingering, dusty tannins that hold the drinker's attention. Enjoy now and beyond 2034.

2016 Vintage:

In a word, the 2016 growing season was dry! Rainfall was well below average through winter and spring and like 2015 there were many late season frosts – indeed at Avon Brae we had our latest frost in living memory on 12 December 2015. Again, like the two previous vintages, the region was devastated by a catastrophic bushfire – this time the Pinery fire burned 86,000 hectares of farming land adjacent to the Barossa from 25 November to 2 December and again the Eden Valley thankfully escaped unscathed which allowed us to lend a hand to our relatives at Freeling. December and early January were warm, but rains at the end of January and early March were god sent and along with milder weather we eventually realised ideal ripening conditions leading up to vintage.

Harvest started early with some of the Riesling on 26 February and this year the Grüner Veltliner was late, coinciding with the last of the reds coming off in early April. The yields were above average for the whites and below average for the reds, but high quality across all varieties. It seems that the Eden Valley is able to handle almost anything that nature throws it way, and still come out on top!

2016 was a cracking vintage in pace, yield, and above all quality and is likely to surpass the 2002 vintage in greatness.



Shiraz - Cabernet Sauvignon - Merlot
Cabernet Franc - Riesling - Viognier - Grüner Veltliner

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