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## *Artisan's Blend - Cabernet Merlot 2009*



**Region:** Murray Darling and Coonawarra.

**Harvest:** Late February through to mid March in Coonawarra.

**Vinification:** This classic blend contains roughly equal proportions of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Wine batches were kept separate and fermented in static red fermenters then pressed and put through malolactic fermentation. The resultant wines were matured on oak before final selection of the batches most suitable for the blend.

**Wine Specifications:**

Alcohol: 13.5%      pH: 3.55      Acidity: 6.0g/L

**Winemaker's comments:**

**Colour:** Medium-deep red.

**Nose:** Savoury with cherry fruit and some notes of cigar box and dark chocolate.

**Palate:** Plum and dark berry fruits, attractive savoury oak and good length.

**Cellaring:** Ready to enjoy now but will also soften and develop well with cellaring.

**Food matches:** Beef ragout served with fresh pasta strips. A richly flavoured Indian dish such as butter chicken or lamb rogan josh served with naan and rice would also be a great pairing.

