

NEAGLES ROCK: CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Style

Red, Dry, Medium bodied

Region

Australia

Wine Maker

Steve Wiblin and Jane Willson.

Appellation

Clare Valley, South Australia, to the north of Adelaide.

Cepage

100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Tasting Note

Intense mocha, blackcurrant and some herbal spices on the palate are supported by a firm, lingering finish.

Serve

With Lamb, Charcuterie, Poultry

Cellarage

Drinking well now but this typical Clare Valley Cabernet will improve over time and can be cellared for 8 years.

Vinification

Grown from 25-year old vines, the Cabernet grapes are crushed by static fermenters. Extended time on skins provides a vibrant deep purple colour and a firm tannin structure. The juice is then pressed and transferred immediately to French barrels to undergo a natural malolactic fermentation. The wine remains in oak for 18 months until bottling.

History

Neagles Rock Vineyards was established in 1997 by Steve 'Wibbo' Wiblin and Jane Willson (who had 30 years of collective experience in the wine industry) and consists of 64 acres of vines on three vineyard blocks ('Misery', 'Home' and Duncan's Blocks) in the heart of the Clare Valley. The vines date back to the early 1970s and are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Grenache, Semillon, Riesling and Sangiovese. Neagles Rock, proudly perched above the 'Home Block' vineyard, was named after local pastoralist George Neagle and, after his death, was turned into a fauna and flora park which became popular as a lovers' tryst.

