



2014 THE BENBOURNIE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Benbournie region was settled in 1853 by Catholic German friends of local priest, Father Kranewitter. The tiny settlement comprises about 15 mud huts surrounded by a Roman Catholic chapel.

The small community's optimism was built on copper mining, however the industry's decline signalled its demise before the turn of the century. All that remains today are a few ancient vines, fig and almond trees.

Wine has been flowing in the Clare Valley since 1851 and is an integral part of the culture. It is one of Australia's most prestigious premium wine regions, most famous for its Riesling and Shiraz. A small area, accounting for less than 1.5% of Australia's total wine production.

With its beautiful, rolling hills, ideal winter rainfall and Mediterranean climate, the Clare Valley carries a unique history and winemaking heritage.

Awards / Reviews:

James Suckling - 94 Points

"An impressive Cabernet in terms of structure, depth and freshness. This is packed with stylish cassis, blackberry and mulberry aromas. The palate has vibrant and punchy dark cherries and cassis fruit, as well as shimmering layers of tannins that hold long and pure. Terrific structure and beautiful resolve. This is one stylish Cabernet. Drink now."

Winemaking Notes

This wine is a deep crimson red in the glass.

Intensely aromatic with a mix of dark vine fruits, dark chocolate, fresh garden herbs, cedar oak and a touch of earth.

The palate is flooded with generous dark berry flavours with savoury notes of earth, clove and cedar.

Very fine, mineralic tannin lends length and style to a wine of great presence and persistence.

The Benbournie has been created with the Jim Barry philosophy to be enjoyed upon release after a period of long term cellaring (under correct conditions) to enhance the wine's qualities.

Vintage Information

Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vintage:	2014
Region:	Clare Valley, South Australia
Estate grown:	100%
First release:	2002
Analysis:	Alc/vol 14.0%; Total Acid 6.7g/L; pH 3.4
Oak:	French
Drink by:	2055
Ideal serving temperature:	16-18°C
Winemaker:	Peter Barry