

SARFIELD ESTATE

2009 CABERNETS SHIRAZ MERLOT



Vineyard

Sarsfield Estate Vineyard is located in the Lakes and Wilderness area of East Gippsland, Victoria. All grapes used are exclusively estate-grown.

Vintage

A very dry and warm spring was followed by good rain in early summer. January was very hot and dry with 40 and up to 46°C recorded every week, and rainfall from January till March only 40% of our average. Exposed grapes shrivelled and fell off and we lost about 10% of the crop. But overall 2009 was one of the best years in terms of grape quality.

Winemaking

The 2009 Sarsfield Estate Cabernets Shiraz Merlot is a single vineyard blend of 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Cabernet Franc, 27% Shiraz, 11% Merlot and 2% Mourvèdre. Grapes were fermented in open vats and pressed in a basket press. The wine has been matured for 18 months in French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Deep red colour, ripe dark fruits on the nose - blackberry, a little blackcurrant and savoury notes from spicy oak. Full-bodied palate with concentrated flavour and plenty of weight, yet with fine dry tannins giving an impression of elegance. Very good length

Analysis

Alcohol:	13.3%
Titr. Acidity:	6.1 g/L
pH:	3.49

Best Drinking

2012 – 2016 or more.

Accolades

Gold Medal International Wine Challenge 2011