



2003 PRETTY SALLY ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Varietal:	<i>100% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	Alcohol:	<i>14%</i>
Vintage:	<i>April 2003</i>	pH:	<i>3.4</i>
Vineyard:	<i>Pretty Sally Vineyard</i>	Total Acidity:	<i>6.2 g/l</i>
Region:	<i>Central Victoria, Australia</i>	Maturation:	<i>19 months</i>
Production:	<i>2800 cases</i>	Barrels:	<i>100% new French Oak</i>
Trellis:	<i>VSP, Spacing 1.5mt by 3mt</i>	Winemaker:	<i>John Ellis</i>
Clone:	<i>SA 125</i>	Release Date:	<i>Fall 2005</i>
Pruning:	<i>2.4 tons/acre</i>		
Soil Type:	<i>Rocky fragments, sandy clay loam</i>		

Vintage Description

2003 was another great year at the Pretty Sally vineyard. The sun was warm and abundant during the day with our daily afternoon cool breeze from Port Phillip. We continue to experience lower than normal rain levels but our reservoir provided all the needed water with minimal back up from our well. We dropped fruit to low yields of around 2.3 tons/acre, resulting in grapes with extraordinary concentration. This year, harvest was completed right on schedule as the grapes had reached very good sugar levels while maintaining good acidity. Picking was done in a single session with on-the-spot selection.

Winemaking

The fruit was fermented in temperature- controlled stainless steel tanks. After maceration, wine was barreled in all new French oak for 19 months. Following our winemaking philosophy of minimal intervention, the process was allowed to follow its natural course, yet always under meticulous scrutiny to avoid any flaws. The wine shows the natural evolution of the vines and the terroir.

Tasting Notes

Dark red. Rich, spicy cherry on the nose, along with dark chocolate, vanilla and oak accents. Quite firm on the palate, with minty dark berry flavors and strongly oak-spicy notes of pepper and clove. Tanzer 7/05 (86+, Tasted Pre-Release, 3 months in bottle)

About Pretty Sally

Pretty Sally Vineyard, established in 1996, is family owned and operated. The vineyard is located 40 miles north of Melbourne in Central Victoria, Australia's historical winemaking region and site of the 1860s gold rush. Bordering the famous Pretty Sally Hills, the estate consists of 110 acres planted to vines. Maritime breezes and moderate elevation (1100 feet) make this a temperate site with a long growing season, resulting in wines with elegance, great depth and European in style. Sustainable, earth-friendly farming is strictly implemented, with a relentless focus to manage a "clean" vineyard to yield pure wines. We farm to less than 3 tons/acre to encourage intensity and character.

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