

DOMAINE A CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012



Style and winemaking:

Domaine A Cabernet Sauvignon originates from ancient, cool climate terroir in Tasmania's historic Stoney Vineyard. It is a wine of absolute dedication, built from the ground up according to a rigorous viticultural regime and uncompromising approach to winemaking.

Domaine A Cabernet Sauvignon hails from the finest parcels of fruit each season. It is an assemblage of classic Bordeaux varieties including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The grapes are harvested entirely by hand from old estate vines. Typically, veraison will happen in February and picking in mid April.

Domaine A Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted in small batches employing traditional techniques including open vat fermentation, regular racking and hand plunging with extended time on lees. It is matured in 100% new French oak barriques for three years and rested in the cellar for four further years or more until ready for release.

Domaine A Cabernet Sauvignon has a proven record of critical acclaim in company with the great wines of the world. It is recognised in the elite echelon of Australian wine and enjoys a strong following among collectors.

Winemaking:

Winemaker:	Peter Althaus
Varietal Blend:	90% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Cabernet franc 3% Merlot 2% Petit verdot
ABV:	13.8%
Volume Released:	635 dozen

Tasting Note:

Another classic Domaine A Cabernet Sauvignon. A big, big wine oozing with the full gamut of summer fruit (ripe strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, blackcurrant), complemented by some stickier, richer notes of tobacco, liquorice and kola. Ample tannin means it'll need a little time in the glass to properly blossom, but also augurs well for further time in the cellar.

A structure awfully like a cru classé of about the same age—maybe a little older ... What an impossible wine this would be to guess blind—not least because there is no wine like it, even in Tasmania.

—Jancis Robinson (17.5 / 20)



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