

Sarsfield Estate

2004 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

The growing season started cold and dry and Summer was dry, but not as hot as usual. The grapes matured slowly and steadily in lovely autumn weather. With our very enthusiastic picking team vintage progressed exceptionally well and the last of the Cabernet Sauvignon was picked on the 7th of May.

Winemaking

The 2004 Sarsfield Estate Cabernets Shiraz Merlot is a single vineyard blend of 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc, 27% Shiraz and 11% Merlot. Grapes were fermented in open vats and pressed in a hand-operated wooden press. The wine has been matured for 18 months in French (70%) and American (30%) oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Appearance: Medium-deep purple red.
Nose: Red fruit with blackcurrant overtones.
Palate: Medium bodied, with suppleness and a plump middle, good depth of ripe flavours and fine tannins.
A very attractive, well balanced wine. -Nick Bulleid MW


Analysis

Alcohol:	13.7%
Titr. Acidity:	6.5 g/L
pH:	3.40

Best Drinking

2006 - 2009.

Reviews

 Bright colour; generous flavour and ample structure to the cassis and black fruit flavours; fine tannins to close.
92/100 -James Halliday: Wine Companion 2008