

COCKATOO RIDGE



Cockatoo Ridge Wines
Why wouldn't you.

2008 Cabernet Merlot

COLOUR	Vibrant crimson red.
BOUQUET	An attractive nose displaying chocolate, mint and blackberry fruit aromas, with subtle toasty oak.
PALATE	A full bodied wine with rich fruit characteristics and subtle oak with velvety tannins. The wine is supplemented by Berry fruit and mint flavours with spicy notes adding another dimension to the palate. This wine highlights wonderful fruit characteristics derived from the vineyard and shows great integration of oak to achieve a great wine. A well structured wine with good palate length.
VARIETIES	60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot
REGION	South Australia
WINEMAKING	A selection of high quality Cabernet and Merlot parcels were chosen for this blend. After crushing we included whole berries in some ferments, while other ferments were drained and returned for maximum extraction of colour, flavour and tannins from the skins. By doing this and with moderate fermentation temperatures it provided a complex array of base wines from which we were able to create a blend of generous fruit flavour coupled with great drinkability. The Cabernet provides structure and age ability to the wine whilst the Merlot adds mid-palate richness.
SERVING SUGGESTIONS	It will make an exceptional partner for rich game dishes such as duck, would also go well with a nice aged cheddar cheese.
CELLARING	Drinking well now although will continue to develop more complex flavours over next 2 years.
TECHNICAL DETAILS	Alc/Vol: 14.0% TA: 6.41g/L pH: 3.47 Res. Sugar: 3.6g/L

