

STEFANI ESTATE



2005 YARRA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON/MERLOT THE GATE

Tasting Notes

This wine is dark red in colour with blue tinges.
It exhibits the succulent aromas of the small berry fruits (raspberry, blackberry, mulberry and loganberry) and violets.
The palate is an explosion of the small berry fruits with some spicy oak characters.
This wine displays great length with a firm tannin backbone.

Winemaking Notes

The fruit for the 2005 Yarra Valley Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot is from our Long Gully vineyard at Healesville.
The fruit was hand harvested on April 11. Vinification occurred in both open top and closed fermenters. Hand plunging and pump over manipulations were employed to aid colour and tannin extraction.
After pressing, the wine was matured for 15 months in French oak barriques, of which 20% were new.

534 Cases produced

Bottled September 2006