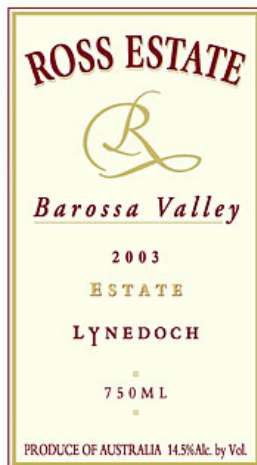


Country of Origin & Region	Winery
Australia, Barossa Valley region	Ross Estate
Ross Estate Lynedoch 2003	



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Food Accompaniments
Roast lamb; Beef a la bourguignonne
Awards, Reviews and other Notes
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Winemaker Notes
<p>Viticultural practices: Trellis: 2 wire vertical trellis with permanent cordon Soil: Fine river silt over clay</p> <p>Yields per acre: 3 tonnes per acre Cases produced: 1000 cases Appellation: Barossa Valley Filtration and fining: Minimal filtration and no fining used Varietal composition: 40% Cab Sauv, 40% Cab Franc, 20% Merlot Wood treatment: American and French Hogsheads Length of barrel maturation: 14 months Winemaker's notes: Winemaker: Rod Chapman THE GRAPES for the Lynedoch were sourced entirely from Ross Estate vineyard in Lyndoch. NEW STYLE This is a new and exciting combination for the Barossa Valley, using the three classic Bordeaux varieties. Ross Estate first released this blend in 1998, and is receiving many accolades for it's refreshing new style. THE 2003 VINTAGE provided good growing conditions ensuring full maturity of all varieties of grapes in what was a dry year. An early harvest took place in mid-March 2003. The grapes were picked at optimal ripeness, in order to fully display their individual characteristics. The three individual grape varieties were harvested, fermented and matured separately until the final blending process. FERMENTATION was carried out in open-topped fermenters. After racking, the wines were matured in both French and American hogsheads for 14 months. Final blending took place in late September 2004 and prepared for bottling in November 2004. LYNEDOCH This wine has been so named in honour of Lord Lynedoch, a Scottish nobleman and friend of Sir William Light, surveyor of the city of Adelaide and the Barossa Valley. Light named the Lyndoch valley after his friend – a draftsman's error saw the "e" omitted. THE WINE is a very dark plum colour with a distinctive blue tinge showing marked brightness. The nose displays beautiful berry and spice with floral aromas typical of Cabernet Franc. Plums, menthol and fruit cake on the palate complement firm tannins and a lingering finish. These aromas and flavours will continue to integrate with bottle aging. BEST DRINKING Now to 2013</p>

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840700000630	Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.45 Total Acid: 6.6g/l Residual Sugar: 1.9 g/l Free/Total Sulfur: 23 Free/ 70 Total	Red Blend