



Edgebaston Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Wine Maker: David Finlayson

Appellation: Stellenbosch

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Filtration and fining:

Wood treatment: 70% new & 30% 2nd fill French oak barrels

Length of barrel maturation: 18 months

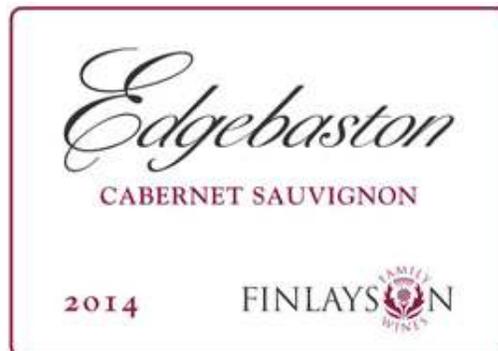
Alcohol: 15%

Total Acid: 6.2 g/l

Free/Total Sulfur: 35/105 mg/l

pH: 3.64

Residual Sugar: 3.5 g/l



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Winemaker Notes: Produced from three outstanding clones of Cabernet Sauvignon planted as “Mother Blocks” for the South African vineyard industry due to their suitability to the deep red clay soils on Edgebaston. Made to exude absolute purity of varietal character and as such display true Cabernet Sauvignon cassis and blackcurrent flavours. The wine has a fresh, minty herbaceousness backed by mocca vanilla oak. Firm structured tannins and a long finish on the palate show good ageing potential. Made with more than a nod to the classic wines of the Medoc in the Bordeaux region, showing the period of time David Finlayson spent working at world renowned Chateau Margaux.

Viticultural Practices: Harvest Date: Late March 2014. Soil Type: Malmesbury Shale on deep red clay. Winemaking: All grapes were hand picked and fermented in Stainless Steel Tanks. A traditional punch down every 4 hours is used to extract the fine tannins and colour from the skins. Maturation took place in 70% new and 30% 2nd fill 300l French oak barrels for 18 months.

Score(s): 90 pts Stephen Tanzer/Vinous - This stunning value in Cabernet delivers classic aromas of cassis, blackberry, violet and menthol, plus a whiff of wood smoke. Supple but firm flavors of dark berries, fresh herbs and minerals display excellent energy and definition, along with a note of chocolaty ripeness.

90 pts Robert Parker Jr.'s The Wine Advocate - The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon has a pretty nose of brambly red fruit mixed with cassis and iodine aromas, nicely integrated and focused if not complex. The palate is supple and lithe on the entry with harmonious, svelte black fruit laced with graphite. This is a composed Cabernet that does not shortchange on intensity, notwithstanding the superb price.

89 pts Vinous/Tanzer - Bright ruby-red. Cassis, blackberry, violet, menthol and woodsmoke on the nose. At once supple and firm, showing lovely energy, definition and density to its slightly medicinal dark fruit, fresh herb and mineral flavors, plus a note of chocolaty ripeness. Finishes with serious tongue-coating but nicely buffered tannins and very good energy and length. A serious Cabernet for the price, with lovely balancing acidity.