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SANDALFORD

## 2015 Element of Sandalford Cabernet Merlot

### Tasting Notes

#### Varietal Breakdown

80 % Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Merlot

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#### Region

Western Australia

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#### Vintage

A warm start to the spring growing season had early vine growth well ahead of normal. This turned around with a cooler start to summer and had both varieties harvested in optimum condition, showing full flavours by early March. 2015 is a strong vintage, particularly for the reds.

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#### Winemakers Comments

Immediately after harvest the fruit was destemmed and crushed. Twice daily pump overs were used for extraction and cap management during the fermentation which took place using selected yeast strains. After the completion of both the yeast fermentation and malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged in older french oak barriques before blending and bottling.

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**Colour:** Plum red  
**Nose:** Obvious blackberries and blackcurrants with underlying notes of spiced rhubarb.  
**Palate:** Sweet berry flavours up front, balanced with mocha, cedar spice notes. Soft silky tannins give plenty of weight and texture. Drinking beautifully now, but will cellar and mature nicely for a few years yet.

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#### Wine Analysis

Alcohol 13.3%                      pH 3.41                      TA 8.02g/L

This wine is vegan & vegetarian friendly

