



## 2012 Brand's Laira One Seven One Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vineyard Region:** Coonawarra, South Australia

**Vintage Conditions:** Vintage 2012 is described as excellent by all winemakers in Coonawarra. Good winter rains provided a full soil moisture profile giving an optimal early start to the season; no frost and regular but small rainfall maintained the good start. Flowering commenced in October with milder and windier conditions leading to lower fruit set and therefore lower cropping levels. Veraison (berry colouring and softening) commenced in late January; conditions were very dry and warmer than average leading to reasonably rapid berry development. Harvest of red varieties commenced at the start of March with excellent varietal fruit flavours, good colour and ripe, supple tannin structures.

**Colour:** Deep ruby red

**Aroma:** The One Seven One has a vibrant, complex and perfumed nose displaying classic varietal fruits of cassis, blueberry and blackberry accompanied by subtle French oak notes of spice, cedar and vanilla.

**Palate:** A classic Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon with pure and intense fruit flavours and an elegant yet powerful palate structure. The palate displays pure dark fruits of cassis and blueberry with hints of sage. The fruit is seamlessly integrated with fine oak flavours of dusty cedar, mocha and vanilla. That combination of brilliant fruit from very established old vines with the elegance of top quality French oak have produced a balanced wine with a finish that is very long with fine velvety tannins and lingering fruit notes.

**Vinification and Maturation:** The fruit for this wine was sourced primarily from our 'No1' Cabernet block (also known as the 'Young Cabernet') planted in 1971 on the Laira vineyard adjacent to Coonawarra township on classic Terra Rossa soil with a small component coming from the 'Old Cabernet' (1968) block on the Laira vineyard.

The wine components were fermented on skins in 5 tonne submerged cap stainless steel fermenters for a period of seven days with pumping over twice a day to ensure optimal extraction of flavour and colour. The wine was then pressed off skins while still slightly sweet and pumped to new fine grained French oak barrique and hogshead barrels to complete primary and malolactic fermentation. On completion of fermentation, the wine was racked off lees for clarification and siphoned back into the same barrels for maturation. During the first six months of barrel maturation the wine was racked barrel to barrel by hand twice to achieve the required wine clarity and assist in wine development. Total maturation time in oak was 21 months.

At completion of maturation, individual barrels were assessed before being selected for inclusion in the 171 Cabernet Sauvignon blend.



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**Wine Analysis:**

**Alcohol:** 14%

**pH:** 3.41

**Acidity:** 7.0 g/L

**Peak Drinking:** This wine has been made with ageing in mind, it is drinking quite well now, however, when cellared correctly it will be at peak drinking from 2018 to 2022 and will have the potential to easily exceed 20+ years.

**Winemaker:** Peter Weinberg - Brand's Laira Chief Winemaker