



# HOLLICK

Coonawarra

## 2002 Cabernet Franc

### VARIETAL TRIAL

Variety:	Cabernet Franc
Vineyard:	Neilson's Block, Coonawarra
Vintage:	2002
Alc/Vol	13.5%

The Varietal Trial wines are produced in very limited quantities and are only available at Cellar Door or via Mail Order. Total production for this wine is a mere 200 dozen.

Ian & Wendy Hollick planted an acre of Cabernet Franc in both 1983 and 1985 with the intention of it forming a minor portion of the Cabernet Merlot blend, like many great Bordeaux wines. Cabernet Franc typically displays a soft tannin profile and shows perfumed fruit aromas, which add to the aromatic complexity of the Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot blend. As with all the components of the Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot blend, each parcel is kept separate until the final blend is assembled.

The 2002 Cabernet Franc was an immediate candidate for bottling as a single varietal. Although we had been very pleased with all of the recent Cabernet Francs, this wine displayed not only the sexy bouquet of the variety, but also greater intensity.

Colour:- Plum red with some lighter red tints at the rim.

Aromas:- Fragrant aromas of blackcurrant, mint and licorice are evident.

Palate:- The palate displays intense blackcurrant and plum fruit flavours with a fine tannin structure that ensures a soft, persistent palate.

Cellaring:- It drinks well now, but will cellar for 5 years or more.

