

## **2000 Salena Estate Cabernet [ riverland , australia ]**

### **Fruit**

Sourced entirely from Company-owned vineyard estates, the condition of the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes received at the crusher was very good – skins were almost black, with intense flavours and mouth puckering fruit tannins. Harvested in the preferred tight range of 13.5 to 14.5 degrees Baume, the fruit promised much of the finished wine.

### **Description**

This is a fine example of Cabernet Sauvignon. It is rich and vibrant and consists of 'layers of flavours' with exceptionally well-structured tannins that provide a smooth and succulent texture.

The wine shows a deep plum colour with a rich and complex nose prominent in blackcurrant and leafy berry fruit characters with hints of game. Underlying this are subtle chocolate and toasty oak scents.

The palate displays layers of flavours that cascade over the tongue in a full-bodied, mouth-filling fashion. There are rich blackcurrant and cassis flavours, hints of chocolate and cigar box characters all complexed by lingering toast, game and vanillan notes. In harmony with all this is a smooth, grainy tannin structure that rounds out the whole package.



## **Mahon from Menorca Spain**

The cheese can be done twice a day, right after milking the cows. After coagulation, the resulting paste has to be crumbled and left to rest. The paste is then picked up in a thin tissue ( fogasser ) that becomes a bag by tying up the four corners. The paste is then slightly rinsed manually by pressing. The bag is then placed in a press, where it is pressed for at least two or three hours. The cheese is salted by immersion in highly salted water, for at least one day. If mold appears on the rind, it must be carefully cleaned. After aging for a month, the rind must be rubbed with cow butter or pure olive oil mixed with paprika. The cheeses are usually consumed after two months aging

Menorca is an island with a long farming history. The Romans introduced their farming utensils in order to improve the harvests, and they also brought their herds to improve the native breeds.