

Parri Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 'Pangkarra' 2004 Southern Fleurieu, South Australia



This wine is such a deep red that it is almost black. It has red currant and herbaceous aromas, with elegant cool-weather varietal characteristics dominating a refined palate with firm tannins and some spice from subtle oak integration.

“Pangkarra” is an Aboriginal word signifying the characteristics of a specific site, including the climate, sunshine, rain, and soil. Parri Estate uses this designation on its top effort of a given vintage, since it best represents the *terroir* of the region, which is the winery’s goal.

A cool and dry growing season at the Estate’s Mount Compass vineyard produced grapes with good color, flavor, and varietal character. Cool open fermentation led to increased color extraction and flavor, while preserving tannins for a firm mouthfeel. The wine was aged 20 months in new and used French hogsheads.

Parri Estate was established with the ambition to produce wines that are a unique reflection of the region in which they are grown. To this end, the fruit is generally hand-picked, and techniques such as small-barrel fermentation and single vineyard production are employed.

Parri Estate’s main vineyards are located south of Adelaide, on South Australia’s Fleurieu Peninsula. With a cool maritime climate, this area lends itself to lower alcohol wines, with intense fruit and a soft balanced tannic structure, which makes them perfect food wines.