



Salomon Estate

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Finniss river, South Australia



SALOMON ESTATE: this wine is produced off a single property in Finniss River, a sub region of Adelaide Hills, which extends along the southern region of the Fleurieu Peninsula, about 20km southeast of McLaren Vale. The soils are typically gravel and sand over red and orange sandstone and the vineyard falls gently away towards the northwest providing ideal exposure, warm days ensure ripe fruit flavours while the cooling breezes which roll off the Southern Ocean in the late-afternoon ensure excellent acid retention. Here, Australian robustness meets European elegance in a most convincing fashion. Shiraz, Cabernet and Merlot are kept between nine and eighteen months in small oak barrels.

SALOMON ESTATE was founded in 1995, originating from great ideas and passions. The first being the love for the landscape around Bert Salomon's Finniss River. Second, Bert's wife Gertud's enjoyment with great red wines and last but not least the enthusiasm both share for diverse cultures.

Bert and Gertrud Salomon are fulltime travelers when it comes to wine. On one side they have the family estate SALOMON UND HOF in Austria in the seventh generation, and on the other side is the first generation from Australia of the SALOMON ESTATE wines.



2014 Fleurieu Peninsula Syrah V 96% Syrah, barrel-aged for 20 months in 300-liter hogsheads (primarily French oak, with a small percentage of American oak). A cuvée in the tradition of the northern Rhone "Cote Rotie" region. A deep ruby hue with a bouquet of floral tones, dark berries, tobacco, and soft leather. A lush fruitiness on the palate, with well-meshed tannins. A wine with depth and the utmost elegance, finely fruity and complex in finish. This wine blooms when decanted.

2013 Finniss River Cabernet Sauvignon Aged 18 months in 300l hogsheads, 1/2 new oak, mainly French oak and only a small part American oak. Australian richness combined with elegant Cassis notes. Deep red in color, with an expressive aroma. Fine, concentrated blueberry and blackcurrant on the palate, with hints of dark chocolate. Well-structured and velvety, with fine tannins and a long, nuanced finish.

2012 Finniss River Shiraz 100% Shiraz; barrel-aged for 18 months in 300-liter hogsheads (approx. 50% new oak, French oak with a small percentage American oak). *"Tasted blind. Bright crimson. Really quite sweet with some oak in evidence on the nose. Quite opulent with a very flattering texture and lots of ripe fruit but a satisfyingly refreshing finish. The merest hint of mint. More concentrated than the wine no 2 which I suspect is the Salomon Finniss 2010 (it was). Drink 2016-2025 17.5"* Jancis Robinson

2010 Alttus The highest portion of the vineyard and the best barrels, bottled separately from the Finniss River Shiraz bottling. It was aged in assorted new French oaks for 18 months. *"Tasted blind. Bright mid crimson. Straightforward ripe, herbal Syrah on the nose. Treacle toffee and some sweetness. A little demanding at the moment but a creditable offering. Appetising. Definitely northern Rhône. Clean and fresh with attractively sweet flesh. Drink 2016-2026. 18"* Jancis Robinson

2009 Alttus

"Tasted blind. Lustrous dark crimson. Rich and sweet with a top note of eucalyptus. Sweet, almost OTT. Definitely Australian! Velvety textured. No real follow through at the moment - rather chunky and unresolved, with a hint of cough medicine, and sweetness. Very teenage... Looks a bit clumsy next to the Chapoutier l'Ermite 2009. Drink 2020-2040. 2020-2040 17.5+" Jancis Robinson