



## 1998 *Cabernet Sauvignon*

REGION  
Western Australia

GRAPE VARIETIES  
Cabernet Sauvignon 87%  
Merlot 6%  
Shiraz 5%  
Malbec 2%

INTRODUCTION  
The decade of the 90's has been extraordinarily kind to Vasse Felix with a string of consistent vintages starting from 1990.

Vasse Felix Cabernet Sauvignon has won a trophy or gold medal at wine shows in the past three vintages. The 1997 Vasse Felix Cabernet Sauvignon won 1 trophy, 2 gold medals and 3 silver medals in recent wine shows.

The Winemakers and Viticulturist at Vasse Felix have continually refined the Cabernet Sauvignon with better canopy management on 30 year old vines; judicious use of irrigation (sometimes no irrigation at all); fruit ripeness levels; winemaking factors such as clever use of rotary fermenters; barrel fermentation; long skin maceration; tannin management and the use of the best French & American oak barrels.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS  
Very deep and lusciously coloured, this wine promises a lot and delivers a heady aroma of cedar, mocha, cassis and chocolate.

The palate is finely tuned with sweet blackcurrant and spicy vanillin oak. This is elegant and multi dimensional with powdery tannins balancing the sweet intense fruit. Able to be consumed immediately and paradoxically has the intensity of fruit to age for up to 15 years.

TECHNICAL DATA	
Winemakers	Clive Otto and Will Shields
Harvested	Late March – early April
Wood	French and American – 18 months
Bottled	October 1999
Alcohol	13.5%
Total Acid	6.3g/l
pH	3.38
Residual Sugar	0.2g/l