



PAST VINTAGE CELLARING NOTES THE TALLY Cabernet Sauvignon

2012

Vintage 2012 was mild and early, with even ripening and no climatic extremes. Sourced entirely from our Dead Morris vineyard, all fruit was handpicked and 100% of the blend received a long maceration on skins. Maturation was for 20 months in 50% new fine-grained chateau barriques from Sylvain, Taransaud and Seguin Moreau cooperages, before light egg fining and bottling in December 2013 under procork.

Deep rich red in colour, the nose is perfumed with perfectly ripened dark blackberry, liquorice and cassis fruit. The palate is firm and full bodied, with fleshy cassis and blackberry fruit. The finish is long and textured with fine grainy grape tannins. This wine showing the structure and completeness typical of "The Tally". Made to cellar with confidence, decant before drinking.

Hold

2010

Vintage 2010 was cool with even ripening, and vintage on normal timing in late April. Sourced from our Dead Morris and Walker vineyards, all fruit was handpicked and 100% of the blend received a long maceration on skins. Maturation was for 19 months in new fine-grained chateau barriques from Seguin Moreau, Taransaud and Sylvain cooperages before light egg fining and bottling in December 2011, under Procork.

Deep rich red in colour, the nose is perfumed with perfectly ripened dark blackberry, liquorice and cassis fruit. The palate is firm, structured and tightly wound with coffee and milk chocolate characters adding to the dark fruit. The finish is long and textured with fine grainy grape tannins. An excellent Tally from an outstanding Coonawarra vintage.

Hold

2009

Vintage 2009 was hot pre-veraison in January, but then mild into autumn. Sourced entirely from our Dead Morris Vineyard, all fruit handpicked for the first time and 100% of the blend received a long maceration on skins. Maturation was for 16 months in new fine-grained Chateau barriques from Taransaud and Seguin Moreau cooperages, before light egg fining and bottling in December 2010.

This is definitely the most delicate and perfumed Tally produced so far with only 300 cases made, in order to show off our best Cabernet Vineyard - Dead Morris - the character of "terrior"

Deep rich red in colour, the nose is perfumed with perfectly ripened dark blackberry, elderberry and cassis fruit. The palate is particularly fine and elegant with coffee and milk chocolate characters adding to the dark fruit. The finish is long and textured with fine grainy grape tannins. More delicate and refined than previous Tally's.

Decant before drinking, Pete Bissell December 2010.

2008

Deep red purple tinge

The nose is lifted with perfumed red berries violets and wild blackberry fruit coming from the Petit Verdot component Dunstan vineyard (4%). Cabernet was sourced from Dead Morris Vineyard (72%) and Quarry Block (24%).

The palate is medium bodied and restrained in style with tight dense fruit and a modulated structure showing balance and depth of fruit, flowing onto a long finish of chewy tannins.

This is a compact but deeply flavoured Tally with a high percentage of long maceration wines. 2008 is looking to be an excellent vintage in Coonawarra.

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2007

The 2007 Tally has a deep rich red colour. The nose shows dark blackberry fruit with some cooler vintage black olive and liquorice notes. The palate is lean and tight with dark fruit and grippy grape tannins from the cooler vintage. A lovely balance of leaner / cooler style Tally reflecting the vintage.

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2006

The 2006 Tally has a Mid-deep red-purple tinge. Lifted nose, bright blueberry and blackberry fruit and perfumed violets with integrated charry oak and a slight minty note. The palate is mid weight with bright red and blackberry fruit and firm tannins. Tannins still not integrated with the fruit but the balance is good.

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2005

The 2005 Tally has a deep red-purple tinge. This is a huge wine, big rich ripe fruit, liquorice and anise notes, spice complex and dense. The palate is big and rich, full-bodied ripe fruit with solid tannins and structure. The tannins need time to soften as this wine has less long maceration than normal. As with the Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 should age very well.

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2004

The 2004 Tally is deep red in colour. Nose lifted fruit, perfumed with charry vanillin oak integrated with complex dark fruit, bitumen-coal notes and cassis. The palate is long and elegant great line and length. Showing more perfume and delicacy than other vintages. Lovely cooler vintage wine.

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2001

The 2001 Tally is deep red in colour. A perfumed nose with dense dark tightly woven fruit, liquorice, red and black berries, prunes, with subtle vanillin oak and malty overtones. The palate is solid with rich dark fruit, and good balance, great length and elegance. Great classical Coonawarra vintage.

Drink now and will hold.

2000

Outstanding deep red in colour, and purple tint. Big nose of ripe fruit with grilled nuts, smokey notes, rich fruit, prunes, liquorice, tobacco combined with smoky vanillin oak. The palate is full, rich and softly textured. It has complex ripe fruit, dark seaweed characters,

great length and persistence, finishing with firm tannins. Great example of Coonawarra in a hot year.

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1998

The 1998 Balnaves Tally is deep red in colour. It has a huge nose of ripe fruit with sweet earthy notes that is combined with seaweed, leather, tobacco, grilled nuts and soy sauce. The palate is rich and dense with good fruit and rich tannins. It has complex tobacco, cedar and leather characters with a good length. This wine with all our Cabernets needs decanting and some air to show it's best.

Drink now and will hold.