



## **FREEMAN VINEYARDS**

Freeman Vineyards is located in the Hilltops region of New South Wales. This specialist family wine company was established in 1999 by Dr Brian Freeman, previously professor of Wine Science at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga.

The 175-hectare estate comprises several elevated vineyard blocks located within a radius of six kilometres on a 560-meter ridge. This high and cool location and the well-structured free-draining decomposed granite soils have proven ideally suited to viticulture.

## **VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING**

One variety that is synonymous with the cool Hilltops terroir is cabernet sauvignon – the classic Australian variety that thrives in a continental climate where warm days and cool nights are integral to cultivating balance and complexity.

The Altura Vineyard encompasses a block of mature 40-year-old cabernet vines. Selected bunches are handpicked with a yield of four tonnes per hectare.

The 2013 season was marked by good spring rains that topped up soil moisture levels, resulting in the development of a balanced vine canopy. Thereafter it was a very dry summer with no rainfall recorded in January. This restricted yields and resulted in significant flavour concentration enhanced even further by the cool slow-ripening autumn. The grapes were harvested in early March with good acidity and balance.

## **TASTING NOTES**

**FREEMAN Cabernet Sauvignon 2013** is a deeply coloured elegant wine marked by ripe blackberry and mulberry aromas with hints of dark chocolate and mushroom. Released with four years bottle age, its tannin frame is balanced by ample flavour producing an integrated, mellow and persistent palate. Pure appealing cabernet from a region increasingly recognised for quality cabernet.

**RRP \$25**

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