

H E S K E T H

THIRSTY DOG

2006 Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon



"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less travelled by.
And that has made all the difference." – Robert Frost, The Road Not Taken.

During a fleeting half century in the global wine community, the Hesketh family has always followed the path less travelled by. As a result their winemaking philosophy is somewhat different. They only produce wines from the most celebrated grape varieties, from only the most acclaimed regions for producing those varieties, wherever they may be, anywhere in the world.

Production Notes

Fruit for the Thirsty Dog is sourced from a mature vineyard located in the terra rossa strip between the townships of Coonawarra and Penola. Fruit is picked at optimum flavour ripeness and after fermentation, is aged in a combination of French and American oak barriques and hogsheads of varying age for a period of approximately 18 months. The growing season in 2006 was extended by a cool patch mid way through vintage, resulting in Cabernet Sauvignon with flavour ripeness and healthy levels of natural acidity. In order to retain the structure and flavour of the wine, Thirsty Dog is bottled with minimal filtration

Tasting Notes

Colour: Dense crimson and ruby red with a purple hue.

Aroma: Ripe and perfumed with an herbaceous edge adding complexity. Blackberry, violets and cassis with a hint of spice. Classic Coonawarra cabernet sauvignon in character

Palate: Young ripe berry fruits with silky grape tannin and elegant complex cedar oak. Hints of black olive, cassis, tobacco and mocha with a soft and rich palate. Fine grain tannins complement a persistent finish.

Food Match: Good quality Italian sausages on the barbeque with roasted vegetables.

Cellaring: Drink Expected to reach its peak in five to eight years.

Analysis

Alcohol:	13.3%	TA:	7.33 g/L
pH:	3.39		

