



## | AVALON TREE |

### 2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*... The King of Red grapes Rules. This timeless tincture is the essence of Langhorne Creek; classic cabernet. Drink at a round table with meal, mates and meat pies.*

Cabernet is called the king of grapes and at Zonte's Footstep it is so revered. Arthurian Legend had it that whoever could pull Excalibur from the stone ruled under the Avalon Tree would be king. Our Avalon Tree is a top picnic stock; we even have a round table!

Zonte's Footstep is named after 19th century Zante currant vineyard as new plantings follow the original footstep. The currant business dried up, but Zonte's Footstep became our blueprint...

In 2003 a group of mates pooled old white 'utes' and new-ish tractors to grow the best grapes from the best vineyards. All we want to do is taste our fruit in our wine, so we charged our reigning winemaker, Mr. Ben Riggs, with one goal; to make wine true to vineyard so long as it is a bloody good drink!

The Avalon Tree vineyard is on a 40 million year old alluvial plain, nestled between two rivers adjacent to Lake Alexandrina, upstream from the River Murray's sea mouth. It is an oasis in a cool desert with vines planted on their own roots, in maritime red sands that sit over pre-Cambrian Limestone and ideal for growing grapes

***The truth is out there in the vineyard.... but the proof is in this bottle!***

This is how late chairman Evans OBE made us all do it.  
Vale Len. Vintage 1930; Decanted 2006.

**Colour:**

Deep purple – and when we say deep purple we mean deep purple with a regal purple hue.

**Nose:**

Scented cassis, black cherries and rhubarb smells with undertones of cedar, dark chocolate and clotted cream.

**Entry:**

Direct, full and fine and precise Cabernet softness. A perfect Cabernet entry. Alert bright fruit.

**Middle Palate:**

No callow Cabernet “donut hole”... just velvety, mouth filling fruit, especially cassis, blackberries and cedar. Juicy round summer berry pudding sweetness, and red currant tartness tempered with some taught but typical Cabernet tannin.

**After Palate:**

Enticing cigar box and plush fruit flavours with taught, trademark tannin. Intense and complex but with the depth of dark berry flavours.

**Finish:**

This wine hangs about after you have tasted it for so long it seems almost self defeating, although the tannins call for another sip whilst it's still in the mouth. Precise 'line and length' that lingers on and on with currants and cherries. Juicy, interesting and complex but with the fruit fullness of youth. Minutes later, the flavour still lingers.

**In Summary:**

This is the eleventh consecutive vintage of Zonte's Cabernet and though it will drink great now, especially with any full flavoured meat based dishes, it will undoubtedly cellar well as previous vintages.

Bottling Date: 17.04.2014  
Region (GI): 100% Langhorne Creek  
Alcohol: 14.5% alc/Vol  
pH: 3.47  
Winemaker: Ben Riggs

Sizes: 750ml  
Varietal composition: 100% Cabernet  
Total Acidity: 6.79 g/L  
RS: 2.8 g/L

**750mL:** 9330391000046    **Six Pack:** 39330391000047    **Dozens:** 19330391000043