



## Sister's Run

2019

# 'OLD TESTAMENT'

Cabernet Sauvignon | Coonawarra - Australia



NATURAL

## Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Vineyard:** Old Testament Vineyard  
**Vine Age:** 26-years-old  
**Soil Type:** Terra Rossa (red clay intermixed with lime deposits over a hard limestone bedrock)  
**Viticulture:** Conventional & Sustainable  
**Fermentation:** Partial native and house cultured strain in tank  
**Skin Contact:** 18 days  
**Aging:** 12 months in French barrique (15% new)  
**Alcohol:** 14.3%  
**pH:** 3.52  
**Total Acidity:** 5.6 g/L  
**Total SO2:** 90 ppm  
**Total Production:** 9,000 cases  
**UPC:** 9342160000232

## About

Sister's Run is all about having fun and ideally with your shoes off and relaxing. The brand is the vision of Dandelion Vineyard's winemaker Elena Brooks and her talented female winemaking team. She was rushing out the door mid-vintage 2002 to accept a coveted award in the Barossa and she had a work boot on one foot and a stiletto on another, her crew cried out 'Run, Sister Run!' The brand is focused on single-vineyard, close family friends' vineyards and expressing that fruit in the purest manner. The 'Old Testament' vineyard is owned and farmed by David Wittwer and was planted in the early 1990s in the heart of famed Coonawarra. It is farmed without any synthetic pesticides or herbicides and is a tremendous expression of what Coonawarra Cabernet is all about.

The grapes were handpicked and brought to the winery in small picking bins. There the bunches were carefully sorted and destemmed and the tanks were split between fermentations with ambient yeasts and local cultured house yeasts. Fermentation lasted about 12 days and the wine spent another six days post-ferment on the skins. It was basket-pressed to French barriques for aging. During the spring the wine underwent natural malolactic fermentation and a small sulfuring. After a total 13 months the wine was racked to tank and bottled without with a light filtration and small addition of sulfur.

## Tasting Note

Some think that Coonawarra is a satellite appellation of Bordeaux, such is the way Coonawarra cabernet can muster Bordelais elegance and tannin and quiet power. This has all of that but with another deft tier of ripeness and richness. This is a generous and giving cabernet, but it in no way has jettisoned any of the tannic structure and formality that proper cabernet is renowned for.