

TERRE à TERRE DOWN to EARTH DAOSA

TERRE A TERRE PTY LTD – ABN 78 147 922 316

Xavier Bizot 0400 700 447 – xavier@terroir-selections.com.au
Lucy Croser 0419 843 751 – lucy@terroir-selections.com.au
mail PO Box 3128, Unley SA 5061
website terreterre.com.au – daosa.com.au
wholesale www.terroir-selections.com.au

Terre à Terre - Wrattobully – Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

Terre à Terre is proud to present its second release of Cabernet Sauvignon coming from its close spaced Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard in Wrattobully, South Australia.

Terre à Terre, a French expression meaning Down to Earth, is a small family business run by husband and wife team Xavier Bizot and Lucy Croser. Their vineyard is located next to Tapanappa's Whalebone Vineyard, at the top of a North-South limestone ridge in Wrattobully, one of Australia's most exciting regions. The Terra Rossa top soil is characteristic of the area. The vineyard was planted on rootstocks in 2004 at a relatively high density for the area (4,444 vines per hectare), making it one of the closest spaced Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards in mainland Australia. The fruiting wire is only 50cm above ground, which is why the local vigneron call the vines the "low vines".

The 2010 vintage was less "stressful" than 2009 (both for the vines and for the vigneron). Minimal intervention was required in the vineyard and overall it was a warm vintage without any severe heatwaves. The fruit was harvested in March 2010 and was of excellent quality.

The fruit was transported back to the Tiers winery in the Piccadilly Valley (Adelaide Hills) before it was crushed and destemmed. The must was cold settled for 2 days in small open fermenters, before being hand plunged at least once a day during fermentation to favour tannin and colour extraction, and to control temperature. The wine was then left to cold macerate on skins and, after three weeks total, it was pressed off skins and racked to 3-year old French oak barriques where it went through full malolactic fermentation.

After 13 months ageing in old oak, the wine was racked to a near-new 4,000L foudre (French oak) where it was aged for a further 8 months before finally being bottled in February 2012. The wine was aged more than a year in bottle before being released mid 2013.

The 2010 release of Terre à Terre Cabernet is a classic example of Cabernet Sauvignon from the South East, with a very elegant "oak twist". Exemplary aromas of blackcurrant juice with scents of sage and five-spice then lead to a very structured mouthfeel and firm tannin on the finish. Very French in style.

Only 450 dozen were produced for the 2010 vintage.

Winemaker: Xavier Bizot