# Noon

A commanding Cabernet Sauvignon from a tiny parcel in Langhorne Creek, uniting varietal purity, richness, and structure with exceptional depth.

## Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

McLaren Vale, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

The 2015 Noon Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from a single **1.2-hectare plot known as the Fruit Trees Block**, located in **Langhorne Creek**, South Australia. This historic vineyard has supplied fruit for every Reserve Cabernet vintage since its first release in **1996**, and the block is dry-farmed and managed without synthetic inputs.

Langhorne Creek enjoys a unique **climatic balance**, with maritime influences from Lake Alexandrina offering cooler conditions than might be expected this far inland. The 2015 growing season began with a **very dry winter and spring**, leading to **accelerated vine development**. While a **cool early summer** initially delayed ripening, a **hot January** followed by unexpected **rain and cool weather** in late summer contributed to complex, balanced fruit. Cabernet Sauvignon from this site ripened later than Shiraz, and was harvested in **April**, allowing full phenolic development.

### Winemaking

The grapes were **hand-harvested** and fermented using **manual punchdowns** in open-top fermenters to extract colour and tannins gently but thoroughly. Following fermentation, the must was pressed using **traditional basket presses**, a hallmark of Noon's artisanal approach. The wine then matured for **18 months in French oak barriques (225 L)**, with approximately **40% new oak**, contributing both richness and structural framing.

All vinification and bottling were conducted on-site. The finished wine was bottled under screwcap, with no fining agents used—making it suitable for **vegans and vegetarians**.

The final composition is **15.5% alcohol**, with **6.7 g/L total acidity**, **pH 3.75**, and just **0.3 g/L residual sugar**—an indicator of its dry, age-worthy profile.

Alcohol :15,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with a garnet rim, showing signs of evolution while maintaining concentration.
- **Aroma:** Sweet red berries, cedarwood, and tobacco leaf rise from the glass, joined by **earthy, mineral, and graphite** undertones.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied with great clarity and precision, revealing a core of **redcurrant and cherry**, framed by **firm tannins** and savoury oak. The finish is long and persistent, marked by freshness and mineral drive.

## Did you know?

The **Fruit Trees Block** that supplies this wine spans only **1.2 hectares**, and the wine is **crushed, fermented, matured, and bottled entirely on the estate**. Noon's commitment to quality means the Reserve Cabernet is **not made every vintage**—further elevating its cult status and collectability.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-crusted rack of lamb:** Echoes the wine's herbal and savoury complexity while softening the tannins.
- **Duck breast with cherry glaze:** A perfect interplay of fruit sweetness and structured tannin.
- **Grilled Portobello mushrooms with balsamic reduction:** A vegetarian option that matches the wine's earthy depth.
- **Aged Manchego or Ossau-Iraty:** Nutty and umami-rich cheeses enhance the Cabernet's tertiary notes.

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**Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2015)**

*Despite its labeled 15.5% alcohol, Noon's 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve doesn't come across as hot, just powerful. It's a restrained power, held in check by a framework of elegant pencil shavings and minty notes. A big wine on the palate, it's loaded up with cassis fruit, ample weight and layers of velvety tannins, yet it finishes with plenty of persistence, elegance and complexity.*

93 vinous

**Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 93 Points (2012)**

*Jul/Aug 14 by Josh Raynolds - Inky purple. The exotically perfumed bouquet evokes spicy redcurrant, cherry and blueberry, with smoke and vanilla nuances adding complexity. Sappy and precise on the palate, offering sweet dark fruit flavors that show liqueur-like depth and surprising vivacity. Closes on a gently tannic note, with excellent clarity, repeating spiciness and real cling.*

91

**Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2012)**

*Feb 2014 Reviewer : Lisa Perrotti-Brown ; Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2012 Reserve Cabernet has a nose of creme de cassis, dark chocolate and crushed cloves with hints of cedar, black pepper and cumin. Very big, very full and very rich in the mouth to the point of being just a bit hot, it has a medium to firm level of chewy tannins and well-placed acidity. It finishes long and a touch bitter. Drink it now to 2022+.*