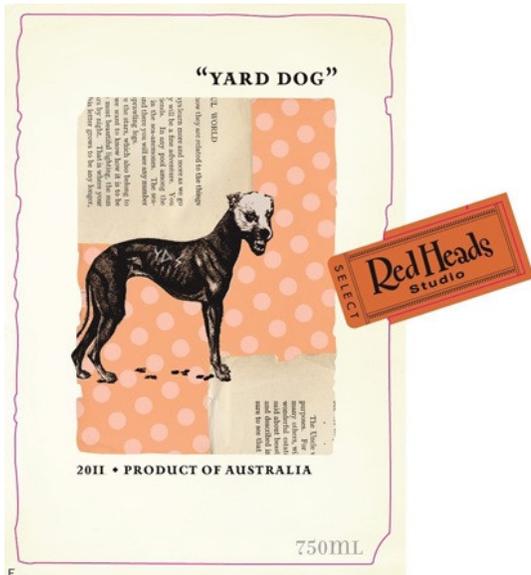


## Yard Dog Red

South Australia - Australia 2013



Back in 1987 we saw the start of something called "Flying Winemakers"...top young Aussie winemakers flying over to help with the European vintage. Shock! Horror! But...the new ideas, the energy, optimism and talent really benefitted Europe...and...Europe gave the Aussies a lot of ideas in return. Like Red Heads, for example.

See...the "flyers" got frustrated when they flew home to dull jobs in the mega wineries of the ho ho! "rationalized" Australian wine industry. They envied their French and Italian mates who made just the wines they wanted to make. With no money to set up their own wineries, they just made a few barrels in garages. Fantastic wines came out of tin sheds!

Yard Dog. The old faithful friend. A beloved household pet the whole family adores. The quintessential companion. The same could be said for these Aussie varietals, almost every winery owns one. It is said that the personality of a dog will reflect that of its owner and the character of a wine will reflect that of its maker. But winemakers beware! If you do not pamper the pooch you may find that the hand that feeds the dog may be bitten. Beware of the Yard Dog.

This is the first vintage without anything 'weird' showing up in the blend. No Lagrein, no Sangiovese...just good ole' fashioned Bordeaux varieties. The Cab Sauv hails from the esteemed regions of Coonawarra and the Limestone Coast. Structure and tannins come from hearty Petit Verdot along with velvety Merlot grown on a single block in the maritime Fleurieu Peninsula. This is the most structured Yard Dog Red since the lauded 2006 vintage.

### Composition

83% Cabernet - 15% Petit Verdot - 2% Merlot

### Élevage

11 months: 90% Stainless- 10% Seasoned French barrique

### Vineyards

Cabernet Sauvignon (Coonawarra/Limestone Coast) - Petit Verdot & Merlot (Fleurieu Peninsula)

### Tasting Notes

“ Powerful cherry and plum aromas are brightened by minerals and dried flowers. Strong bitter cherry and dark berry flavors are nicely framed by dusty tannins and pick up a bitter fruit pit quality on the back end. Finishes with youthful tannic grip and impressive persistence. ”

### Reviews

None