

# SONGLINES ESTATES

## LEYLINES

### 2010 McLAREN VALE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

- Alc/Vol:** 14.5%
- Colour:** Impenetrable dark red with light red and purple hues around the edge.
- Bouquet:** This wine is rich with sweet licorice and black berry fruit aromas with a hint of vanilla from well integrated oak.
- Palate:** Finely structured wine with hints of cinnamon and chocolate nuances. The palate shows elegance and length with dark plum fruit and cashew, with a Smokey oak influence. There is a lot of complexity of flavours and mid palate richness. The obvious finesse and length of this wine will show early in its life and continue to drink well over the medium term.
- Winemaking:** Leylines is made with the same meticulous care and attention as Songlines and Bylines but with a smaller price tag. The grapes come from vineyard blocks not far from those that go into Songlines and Bylines and the fruit has been specifically hand chosen for its approachability as a young wine. 2010 saw the selection of some older material as part of the blend to add some more complex character and add longevity. The winemaking uses warmer ferments in traditional open fermenters with hand "piage" 4 times each day to soften the palate, and the use of older barrels to impart less oak dominance. The wine is matured for 12 months in second and some third use French barrels to provide softer rounder oak character.
- Cellaring:** This style has softer tannins suggesting cellaring for the medium term and earlier drinking in mind. Balanced and fully approachable on release it will hold for 4-6 years.

