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Bream Creek

Bream Creek Vineyard produces premium wines from Tasmania's naturally cool climate and has been rewarded with 20 trophies and over 400 show medals since 1990. Our 7.5ha vineyard at Marion Bay in the south-east of Tasmania was originally planted in 1974, making it one of the oldest commercial vineyards on the island. Fred Peacock purchased the vineyard in 1990 and expanded the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay plantings, as well as introducing Sauvignon Blanc. Fred also planted what was arguably the first commercial planting of the rare German grape Schönburger in the southern hemisphere.

## 2011 Bream Creek Cabernet Merlot



### *Tasting Note*

On the mainland, vintage 2011 will go down as one of the worst vintages in living memory. However, once again Tasmania proved its resilience and cool climate advantage over the big island, as this release illustrates.

Dense and opaque but still bright in the glass, the nose is full of the aromas of blackcurrant, dates, tobacco and oregano while remaining refined and elegant. Very fine acidity offers line and length on the palate. Work the wine in the mouth and complex, firm tannins are revealed, hiding just under the surface.

This is a perfectly balanced wine in its youth, structured for the long term. If you can't wait that long, then a big rare steak will bring it into line beautifully.

Alc/Vol 13.4%

