



PATINA

2006 Cabernet Merlot

Patina is a family-owned estate nestled in the rich volcanic slopes of Mt Canobolas near Orange, New South Wales. Owner and winemaker, Gerald Naef, blends science and technology with age-old tradition to create complex flavours forged by the elements of nature. His Patina Wine represents the complexity and elegance of cool climate wine defined by nature and his personal signature.



- Variety:** 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 12% Shiraz, 4% Cabernet Franc
- Region:** 88% Orange, 12% Mudgee (Shiraz)
- Winemakers Notes:** This is a truly remarkable wine and I have been swaying back and forth between releasing it as Cabernet Merlot versus my signature red blend "Jezza" label.
- Winemaker:** Gerald Naef
- Colour:** Red with a little brick red around the edges of the glass.
- Aroma:** A very complex and developed nose including ripe plum, black currant, blackberry, olives, licorice, leafy, minty and even some floral notes with very well integrated toasty oak and inviting maturation characters.
- Palate:** On first impression the palate is surprisingly fresh and lively, integrated with savoury notes and very attractive ripe fruit progressing to mature yet still prominent tannins, well integrated oak and wonderfully developed aged qualities.
- Winemaking:** The various components of this blend were all separately fermented and matured in French and American oak barrels, then blended according to taste.
- Cellaring:** I think this wine has quite a bit of life left and may be a real treasure in twenty years... but you can also turn a potentially average evening into "WOW" if you drag it out of your cellar tonight.