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TASTING NOTES	Bel has a ruby-red colour with a purple rim; aromas of ripe berry fruits with hints of spices; and a complex, cherry-blackberry flavour with an enduring finish.
VINTAGE REPORT	Winter weather was regular, the first half experiencing mild temperatures and recording average seasonal rainfall. This created ideal conditions for budburst and later development phases. A longer than normal vegetative phase was combined with a slight delay in grape-ripeness. This helped preserve the vines' aromatic characteristics and favoured the development of soft and delicate tannins.
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