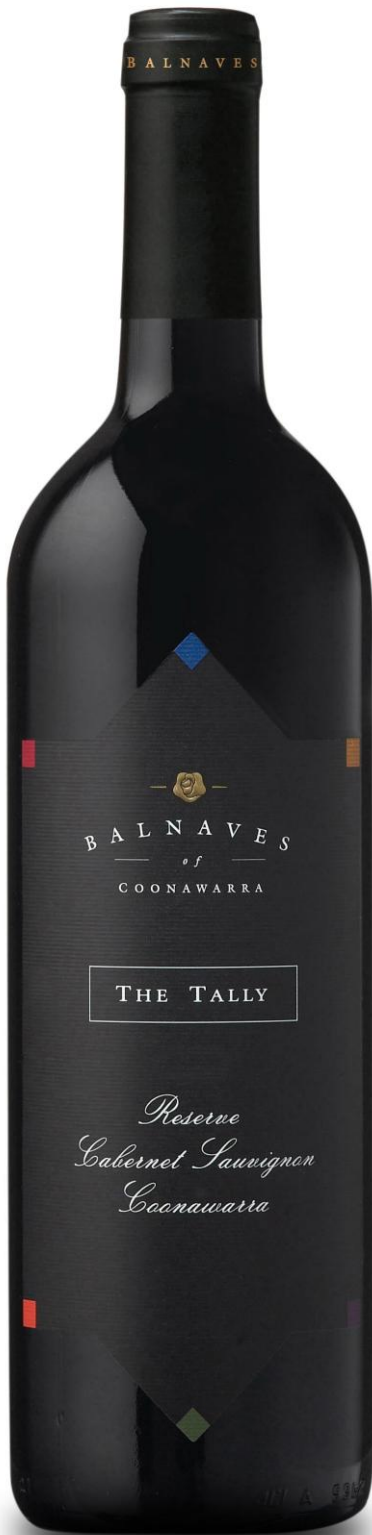




## THE TALLY

### *Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon*



Among his many pursuits, Doug Balnaves was a shearer of Merino sheep. A shearer in Australia, is paid by the number of sheep he shears. Counted every two hour period, the Tally is recorded in the Tally book. The higher the Tally, the greater the recognition among his peers for skill and hard work. As an expression of this tradition, the Balnaves family see the wine 'THE TALLY' as the ultimate achievement for their company.

Vintage 2008 was warm and early producing rich wines with ripe tannins. Sourced from our Dead Morris Vineyard (72%), Quarry Block (24%) and Dunstan vineyard (4%), with 76% of the blend receiving a long maceration on skins. Maturation was for 16 months in new fine-grained barrels from Seguin Moreau, and Sylvain cooperages, before light egg fining and bottling in December 2009, under procork.

Deep rich red in colour, the nose is perfumed with perfectly ripened dark blackberry and cassis fruit. The palate is tight and compact with dark fruit and some leathery fine-grained tannins. A richer warmer year with outstanding balance. Decant before drinking.

#### **Reviews**

**Author:** James Halliday

**Publication:** Australian Wine Companion 2011 Edition

**Rating:** 97 points

*"Vivid crimson-purple; like a rich little boy, has everything he wishes; a fragrant dark berry bouquet with notes of French oak, leather and spice, than a full-bodied palate with a dazzling array of flavours; however, it is in the supple texture, perfect balance and line that the greatness of the wine finally takes shape."*

**Author:** Ray Jordan

**Publication:** The West Weekend-Wine

**Rating:** 97/100

VINTAGE	2008
HARVESTED	15 and 18 March 2006
ALC/VOL	14.5%
TOTAL ACID	6.70 g/L
pH	3.55
CELLARING	Optimum at 10-12 years after vintage