



WYNNS  
COONAWARRA ESTATE



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COONAWARRA FAMOUS

## Messenger Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

Wynns Coonawarra Estate was the first winery to be built in the Coonawarra, by John Riddoch in 1896. The winery is located on the world famous strip of 'Terra Rossa' soil that produces fruit of an exceptionally high quality, particularly Cabernet Sauvignon.

The dry grown Messenger Vineyard has been a consistent contributor to Wynns premium wines. It was planted in 1975 in southern Coonawarra, two kilometres north of Penola and 500 metres west of the Riddoch Highway. When conditions are right, such as in 2005, the block's heavier and deeper soils store enough winter rainfall to produce small, intensely flavoured grapes with excellent balance. The Wynns winemaking team decided to give the vineyard the chance to sing to its own tune in 2005 and this is a delightful debut performance.

Previous single vineyard releases include the 2001 Harold Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon and 2003 and 2004 Johnson's Block Shiraz Cabernet.

### Winemaker Comments Sue Hodder

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#### Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

#### Vintage Conditions

Coonawarra experienced a slightly warmer than usual, dry summer with the grapes ripening evenly and early. Overall, perfect vintage weather without rain offered a great opportunity to make wines of classic varietal character and longevity.

#### Technical Analysis

##### Harvest Date

pH 3.61

Acidity 6.9g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar g/L

Bottling Date

Peak Drinking To 2020.

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#### Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon

#### Maturation

18 months in oak: French oak - 30% new, 57% seasoned oak. 18 months in Russian oak: 13% new.

#### Colour

Intense red with vibrant hues.

#### Nose

Lifted mint with violets and blueberries.

#### Palate

A complex array of cherry and blackberry fruits with bayleaf notes. Integrated tannins with a background of caramel oak maintain a smooth texture - while remaining distinctly varietal. There's great length and persistence - hallmarks of a fine Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon.