



WYNNS  
COONAWARRA ESTATE



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## Michael Shiraz 2005

Michael Shiraz is Wynns Coonawarra Estate's best-of-vintage Shiraz. The fruit used for this wine comes from the best vineyard sites in Coonawarra and is only made in years when the best quality fruit is available.

The first Michael (then called Michael Hermitage) was a one-off from the 1955 vintage made after proprietor David Wynn noticed the outstanding quality of the wine from two particular barrels and ordered them to be bottled separately. This wine - named after Wynn's young son - is a legend of the Australian wine industry with good bottles still offering a great wine experience.

This best-of-vintage concept was revived with the superb 1990 vintage and Michael Shiraz has been produced only when the grapes are of extraordinarily high quality.

## 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 with no rain offered a great opportunity to make wines of classic varietal character and longevity.

### Technical Analysis

#### Harvest Date

pH 3.68

Acidity 6.7g/L

Alcohol 14.5%

Residual Sugar g/L

Bottling Date

Peak Drinking To 2018

### Grape Variety

Shiraz

### Maturation

Matured for 20 months in new French (54%) and new American oak (9%), the remainder is aged in 9% one year old and 28% two year old French oak.

### Colour

Deep red with a vibrant purple hue.

### Nose

Immediately aromatic and revealing, the warmer 2005 vintage is apparent on the nose with lovely ripe blueberry fruit, while still showing regional pepper and bay leaf aromas.

### Palate

An abundance of raspberry fruit holds the mid-palate with juicy viscosity. Darker plum adds to the wine's depth, with excellent oak integration that highlights ripe berry fruit flavours, while adding length on the palate with firm, chalky tannins.