



Wynns Coonawarra Estate

Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2001



Wynns Coonawarra Estate was the first winery to be established 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 exceptional quality.

The 2001 Wynns Coonawarra Estate Cabernet Shiraz Merlot is a fine example of the style, from an excellent vintage. Wynns Cabernet Shiraz Merlot is a rich and complex wine yet with enhanced softness derived from the blending of these three classic red grape varieties. The softness plus judicious use of oak has created a wine perfect for current drinking or short-term cellaring.

Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

Vintage Conditions

Winter rains gave Coonawarra a good start to the season. Fruit set was excellent across all varieties and careful vineyard management, including 'green harvesting' to remove heavy crops aided in controlling yields. March rainfall delayed the harvest, but April and May were fine and mild and fruit was picked in good condition. Cabernet showed soft, varietal character with ripe berry fruit flavours.

Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz (Syrah), Merlot

Maturation

The wine was barrel-aged for 12 months in a combination of new and old French and American oak.

Winemaker Comments: Sue Hodder



Colour

Deep ruby with brick red tinges.



Nose

A fragrant, slightly gamey nose with fresh, ripe berry fruit and spice with well-integrated oak.



Palate

The palate is highlighted by the upfront, bright cassis fruit flavours of Cabernet. Shiraz shows intense black pepper from the warmer year and the Merlot contributes softness and mint to the finish. All up a complete wine that offers both complexity and approachability to create an ideal wine for a wide range of occasions.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.0%
Acidity: 6.80g/L
pH: 3.50

Last Tasted

1 Oct 2003

Peak Drinking

Now - 2009

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Duck & Game, Lamb, Pasta

