



Wynns Coonawarra Estate

Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2002



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.

This year's 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

There was an ideal growing season leading up to the 2002 vintage, with average temperatures and rainfall in the winter and spring. Cool and dry conditions in January promoted slow ripening conditions which continued despite warmer weather in February and March. Despite being a late vintage, the fruit produced was of very high quality.

Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz (Syrah), Merlot

Maturation

This wine was matured for ten months in a combination of new, one and two year old French and American oak.

Winemaker Comments: Sue Hodder



Colour

Deep red.



Nose

An attractive dark fruit nose with lifted notes of mint, florals and spice. The mintiness of Cabernet combines well with peppery shiraz and the underlying cherry notes from the merlot.



Palate

The palate is intense yet soft with notes of dark cherry combined with soft oak flavours. The finish is long and flavoursome with soft tannins and integrated oak. Whilst drinking superbly now, this wine will age in the classic Wynns style.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.0%

Last Tasted

3 Oct 2004

Peak Drinking

Now - 2009

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Duck & Game, Beef, Lamb

