



Wynns Coonawarra Estate

Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2003



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 2003 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 16 months in a combination of new, one and two-year-old French and American oak.

Winemaker Comments: Sue Hodder



Colour

Medium red.



Nose

Shiraz characters of light raspberry and floral notes add vibrancy to the nose. Smoky oak and slight tobacco aromas linger on the edge.



Palate

Cabernet flavours of mulberry and red currant are more apparent on the palate, adding to the length. Fresh oregano, spice plum and a savoury finish come from the Merlot. The even ripening in 2003 has lent a finesse to the tannins which makes this an approachable young wine, with the ability to age gracefully in the medium term as well.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.0%

Last Tasted

15 Aug 2005

Peak Drinking

Now - 2009

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Beef, Hamburger, Lamb

