



WYNNS
COONAWARRA ESTATE



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COONAWARRA FAMOUS

Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2007

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. Wynns Cabernet Shiraz Merlot is a rich and complex wine with enhanced softness derived from the blending of these three classic red grape varieties. Its soft fruit plus judicious oak handling has created a wine perfect for current drinking or short-term cellaring.

The 2007 Cabernet Shiraz Merlot is a balanced and approachable wine reflecting its regionality.

Winemaker Comments Sue Hodder

Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

Vintage Conditions

Winter was cold and exceptionally dry with only 89mm of rainfall. A dearth of spring rainfall (only 67mm) coupled with clear skies, resulted in the worst October frosts on record, although frost protection sprinklers saved the crop and canopy health. December conditions were mild and dry. January was the only wet month for the entire June to April period, with 100 mm of rain just before veraison, providing a welcome boost to vine health and berry size. February to April were all drier and warmer than normal which alleviated any fungal disease concerns and initiated an early vintage.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date March - April 2007.

pH 3.56

Acidity 6.57g/L

Alcohol 14.0%

Residual Sugar 0.49g/L

Bottling Date September 2008.

Peak Drinking A joy on release, reaching an anticipated maturity in three years.

Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon (55%), Shiraz (35%), Merlot (10%).

Maturation

Parcels of this wine were matured for 16 months in seasoned American oak, with new and seasoned French oak.

Colour

Dark opaque hue with a purple rim.

Nose

The wine has a lifted perfumed nose redolent of raspberries and red plums with hints of spice and cedary oak. It shows the generous fruit aromas of Shiraz and some of the lifted floral notes of Cabernet and Merlot.

Palate

The palate has good regional characters of bright plums and brambly fruits. This wine has fine grained, well integrated tannins and has a lingering finish, well supported by stylish creamy oak.