



Wynns Coonawarra Estate

Chardonnay 2003



Wynns Coonawarra Estate was the first winery to be established in Coonawarra, by John Riddoch in 1896. The winery is located on the world famous strip of "Terra Rossa" soil renowned for producing wines of exceptional quality.

First produced in 1981, Wynns Coonawarra Estate Chardonnay has consistently upheld a superior quality and value reputation and demonstrates that Coonawarra, like Bordeaux, produces fine white wines to complement its more famous reds.

The style has been refined since the early 1990s with a gradual reduction in the overall use of oak. The 2003 continues the tradition of delivering balanced, attractive Chardonnay for immediate enjoyment or medium term cellaring.

Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

Vintage Conditions

Coonawarra experienced an excellent vintage, receiving rainfall at the right time and benefiting from moderate temperatures. Higher rainfall than last year invigorated the vines and maintained canopy health. Mild temperatures throughout February and March allowed the fruit to develop good flavours whilst warmer temperatures in the critical ripening month of April ensured a successful vintage.

Grape Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation

Four months in new (30%) and one-year-old (45%) French oak barriques and hogsheads, with the remaining 25% unoaked.

Winemaker Comments: Sue Hodder



Colour

Pale gold with a green hue.



Nose

Fresh white peach and stone fruit aromas, typical of the Coonawarra region, with hints of fresh lemon and smoky oak in the background.



Palate

The wine shows excellent balance, with a harmonious delivery of ripe citrus and stone fruits, complemented by nutty undertones, savoury oak and refreshing, crisp acidity. The fruit-forward style has excellent depth of flavour and a long, evenly balanced finish framed by judiciously handled, moderate oak.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%
Acidity: 6.40g/L
pH: 3.40

Last Tasted

17 Jun 2003

Peak Drinking

Now - 2006

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Chicken, Salad, Pork

