



WYNN'S  
COONAWARRA ESTATE



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COONAWARRA FAMOUS

## Coonawarra Chardonnay 2008

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 that produces fruit of an exceptionally high quality.

First produced in 1981, Wynns Coonawarra Estate Chardonnay demonstrates that Coonawarra can produce fine whites as well as fine reds, in a similar manner to Bordeaux.

As a young wine it typically displays melon, fig and citrus fruit flavours finely balanced with vanillin oak. The style has been refined since the early 1990s and the impact of oak-derived flavours has been reduced. The 2008 is a beautifully balanced Chardonnay that will continue to develop with short-term cellaring.

### Winemaker Comments Sue Hodder

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#### Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

#### Vintage Conditions

October and November received above average rain which reduced frost pressure. The rest of the growing season from December - March was very dry, with only 25mm in late January to freshen the vines preveraison. High temperatures in short bursts in January necessitated careful irrigation to maintain canopy function and vine health, which was excellent in the vineyards through to harvest. Between the short hot spells the temperatures were cool to mild which created excellent flavour development.

#### Technical Analysis

**Harvest Date** February - March 2008

**pH** 3.28

**Acidity** 7.11g/L

**Alcohol** 13.0%

**Residual Sugar** 0.38g/L

**Bottling Date** September 2008

**Peak Drinking** Now to 2011

#### Grape Variety

Chardonnay

#### Maturation

This wine was matured for six months using French oak.

#### Colour

Pale straw with flashes of green - a bright youthful appearance.

#### Nose

The wine has aromas of citrus and passionfruit with complex notes of cashew and honeysuckle.

#### Palate

The palate is generous and smooth, delivering citrus and white nectarine flavours that dominate. There is spicy, subtle oak that gives structure and complexity. This wine is delicate yet flavoursome with a fine acid structure, showcasing Coonawarra's cool climate elegance.