



# Wynns Coonawarra Estate



## Johnson's Block Shiraz Cabernet 2004

Wynns Coonawarra Estate was the first winery to be built 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 exceptionally high quality, particularly Cabernet Sauvignon.

Johnson's Block is a dry grown vineyard in the heart of the terra rossa. The first vines were planted there in 1925.

The 2004 Wynns Coonawarra Estate Johnson's Block Shiraz Cabernet is a tribute to Johnson's vineyard and the excellent fruit that it produces. The wine is a traditional style, with red fruits and black pepper, framed by fine tannins.

### Regional Source

Coonawarra.

### Vintage Conditions

There was an ideal growing season leading up to the 2004 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

Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon

### Maturation

This wine was matured for 11 months in seasoned French oak.

## Winemaker Comments: Sue Hodder



### Colour

Vibrant red/purple.



### Nose

The nose is restrained and brooding with fresh and inviting aromas of red cherry, black pepper and hallmark Coonawarra mint.



### Palate

This is very much a modern style wine from a classic old Coonawarra vineyard. The palate is polished and smooth. The Johnson vineyard is known for its intense, cherry like fruit and 2004 is no exception. The concentration of flavour combined with framing acidity results in a wine of freshness and balance. The oak is slightly chabby but well integrated, adding support to supple tannins and fruit sweetness.

### Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%

### Last Tasted

9 May 2007

### Peak Drinking

Now to 2015

### Food Matches

Ideal with beef, lamb, duck and game.