



Wynns Coonawarra Estate

Michael Shiraz 1996

Wynns Coonawarra Estate Michael Shiraz has established a reputation as a definitive wine that sets a benchmark for Coonawarra Shiraz. It is produced only from the very best Shiraz grapes available to Wynns each year and even then it is not made if this material does not meet Wynns' stringent quality criteria.

The 1996 Michael is a wine of complexity and elegance - a worthy successor to the 1994 vintage (there was no 1995) and a reminder that Coonawarra Shiraz at its best has no cause to bow to Cabernet Sauvignon.

Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

Vintage Conditions

The 1996 vintage was one of the coolest of the decade but a long, dry autumn allowed Shiraz grapes to mature fully and delivered fruit with intense varietal characteristics.

Grape Variety

Shiraz (Syrah)

Maturation

18 months in oak: 75% new American; 25% two year old French.

Winemaker Comments: Sue Hodder



Colour

Deep, dark youthful red.



Nose

Intense dark ripe berries and smoky oak with underlying hints of spice. Lifted aromas of mocha and vanilla (from partial barrel fermentation), with mulberries and a hint of mint.



Palate

Ripe berry and chocolate flavours contribute to a smooth, velvety texture. Rich and full bodied with sweet, ripe fruit flavours contained within a firm, balanced tannin structure. Excellent persistence of flavour.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.0%
Acidity: 7.00g/L
pH: 3.40

Last Tasted

N/A

Peak Drinking

N/A

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Beef, Cheese

