



# Wynns Coonawarra Estate



## Michael Shiraz 2003

Michael Shiraz is Wynns Coonawarra Estate's best-of-vintage Shiraz. The fruit used for this wine comes from the best vineyard sites in Coonawarra and is only made in years when the best quality fruit is available.

The first Michael (then called Michael Hermitage) was a one-off from the 1955 vintage made after proprietor David Wynn noticed the outstanding quality of the wine from two particular barrels and ordered them to be bottled separately. This wine - named after Wynn's young son - is a legend of the Australian wine industry with good bottles still offering a great wine experience.

This best-of-vintage concept was revived with the superb 1990 vintage and Michael Shiraz has been produced each year (with the exception of 1992 and 1995) since then.

### Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

### Vintage Conditions

Coonawarra received rainfall at the right time during the growing season and also benefited from moderate temperatures. Each rainfall invigorated the vines and maintained canopy health. Mild temperatures throughout February and March allowed the fruit to develop good flavours whilst retaining acid before warmer temperatures in the critical ripening month of April ensured a successful vintage.

### Grape Variety

Shiraz (Syrah)

### Maturation

This wine was matured for 15 months in a combination of new and used French and American oak.

## Winemaker Comments: Sue Hodder



### Colour

Inky black red with a vibrant purple hue.



### Nose

Lifted aromas of red cherries with hints of black pepper and cinnamon oak rise from the glass. Exactly what you would expect from an ideal, cooler region shiraz.



### Palate

Finely structured yet powerful. Layers of fruit are framed by restrained oak, ensuring this is a wine for the long term. Fleshy red currant and plum flavours flood across the palate, leading to a delicate creamy and spicy oak finish.

### Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%

### Last Tasted

15 Aug 2005

### Peak Drinking

Now - 2020

### Food Matches

Ideally suited to Beef, Duck & Game, Lamb

