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COONAWARRA

Shiraz - Vintage 1998



Tasting Notes

Variety

100% Shiraz

Colour

Rich crimson with deep black cherry hues

Winemakers' Notes

Rich ripe fruit, licorice, vietnamese mint, basil, cedar and spice characters are all displayed on the intense, lifted nose. Full of ripe berries, licorice, chocolate and black pepper characters, the palate has very good, rich mouthfeel and a long persistent finish. The middle palate weight shows excellent potential, as do the fine grained tannins, promising further rewarding amalgamation.

Cellaring

1998, an outstanding vintage, produced very generous wines with excellent flavour profile and ripe velvety tannins.

A great vintage with immediate appeal. Those opening a bottle in 10 years will improve their popularity.

Wine Summary

The oldest vines in our vineyards, the Shiraz variety has long thrived in Coonawarra. Its traditional spicy peppery and blackcurrant flavours have been enhanced by ageing in predominantly French oak to create this harmonious wine of great volume and depth.

Key Points

- A distinctive, cool climate Shiraz from Australia's most preferred red wine region
- 24 year-old vines
- Spicy, peppery flavours

Technical Details

Region

100% Coonawarra

Harvest Dates

16th March to 25th March 1998

Harvest Brix

23.8° to 25.7°

Oak Handling

Seventeen months in a combination of 40% American and 60% French oak of which a small proportion were new barrels and the remainder two to seven years old.

Bottling Analysis

pH 3.49 T.A.7.0 g/L Alc/Vol 14.4%

Total SO₂ 50 mg/L VA 0.53g/L

Bottling Date

July 2000

Winemaker

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