

Majella "The Musician" 2021

This Classic Australian blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz was produced by Majella Wines from grapes grown on the Majella vineyard in Coonawarra, South Australia.

The 2021 Musician has recieved the Cowra Wine Show's Imperial Hotel Trophy for Best Dry Red Blend, The Royal Adelaide Wine Show Dr Ray Beckwith OAM Memorial Trophy for Best Traditional Australian Red Blend, along with 4 Gold and a bronze medal so far on the wine show circuit.

Vintage Conditions

The 2021 Vintage in Coonawarra has the hallmarks of an incredible vintage, with superb conditions and fruit of outstanding quality and quantity being harvested.

It was an extended vintage with picking of white varieties beginning in late February. The peak harvest for the region began in early April, following the Easter break, and continued until mid-May when the last of the regions' signature variety was harvested.

The season was mild with very stable weather conditions. The temperatures during the growing season were mild with only minor fluctuations and no major rainfall events.

Dry conditions continued right through summer, and consequently, berries remained relatively small with thick skins. Coonawarra did receive several small rainfall events during the growing which was beneficial to the general vine health and soil moisture.

These climatic conditions lead to long and steady increases in maturity levels, allowing winemakers to pick at optimum levels for ripeness and flavour.

The 2021 Coonawarra vintage was free of disease, drought, and smoke taint. Based on the mild summer, and the colour and aromas that are coming through in the finished ferments, 2021 points to an exceptionally good vintage with lovely firm acidity in the whites and good fruit expression and tannins across all reds, which at this early stage, will translate into wines that have excellent cellaring potential.

Winemaking

The Musician is made as a light and elegant dry red. Fermentation was in both stainless steel tanks and oak barrels then aged for a further six months with minimal oak contact. It was then blended and bottled as a young red to retain freshness.

Grape Variety 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Shiraz

Region Coonawarra

Winemakers Comments

The colour is vibrant dark ruby red with a crimson hue.

The wine is balanced, smooth and fruit driven with luscious mulberries and blackcurrant with hints of mint and eucalyptus and supported by soft tannins. A perfect pairing of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

Cellaring: The Musician is made to enjoy now or cellar for up to 5 years.

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