

2000 Majella Shiraz

Specifications:

Variety: 100% Shiraz
Region: Coonawarra, South Australia
Harvest: Late March
pH: 3.42
Alc/Vol: 13.5%
Yield: 2.9 tonnes/acre (7.1 tonnes/ha)

The 2000 Vintage was an excellent vintage at Majella. Although crops were down slightly the quality of the wine was excellent. This wine carries on the tradition of great Shiraz from Majella. Our first Shiraz vines were planted in 1968 and we completed the plantings in 1974. This wine shows the benefits of using the fruit from older vines.

Majella 2000 Shiraz is a lovely deep crimson colour, with a wonderful spicy nose showing hints of cinnamon and all-spice with a suggestion of slightly “nutty” oak. Cherries and mint dominate the palate with a subdued pepper complexity, and the light, dusty tannin finish lingers on and on!

We finished the fermentation in the barrel, and the wine was aged for a further 22 months in American oak hogsheads.

The Majella 2000 Shiraz has won the following awards at Australian Wine Shows:

Gold Medal – Limestone Coast (2002)
Gold Medal – Rutherglen (2001, 2002)

Noted Australian wine judge and journalist, James Halliday, wrote: “This had all the richness, depth and texture to its sweet dark berry, plum and licorice fruit that one could wish for, yet it is wonderfully elegant.”
Weekend Australian, 16/11/2002

We present it as a great example of Coonawarra Shiraz at its very best.

Ageing potential: 8 – 10 years

Winemaker: Bruce Gregory