

2000 Majella Cabernet

Specifications:

Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Region: Coonawarra, South Australia
Harvest: Early April
pH: 3.49
Alc/Vol: 14.0%
Yield: 3.0 tonnes/acre (7.35 tonnes/ha)

Coonawarra is by far the best district for growing and making Cabernet Sauvignon and we at Majella pride ourselves on making some of the very best Cabernet in the region. We started planting our Cabernet vineyards in 1970 and this wine is made from vines planted between 1970 and 1974.

Magenta in colour, the wine has aromas of capsicum, ripe plums and cherries with some “pencil shavings” oak evident. The palate is rich and concentrated with lots of vanilla, ripe fruitcake and dark-chocolate layers of richness and it finishes with delightful dry, dusty tannins.

The wine was fermented in static 10 tonne fermenters with heading down boards for approximately 5 days and pumped over twice daily to extract colour and tannin from the skins after which it was transferred to French oak hogsheads (300 litre barrels) for the completion of primary and malolactic fermentation. The wine was then racked and returned to the same barrels for a total of 18 months. 60% of the barrels are “new” oak and the remainder are second use oak.

This wine has won the following awards at Australian wine shows:

- Stoddart Trophy – Best 1-year-old Red Wine – Brisbane 2001
- Courier Mail Trophy – Champion Wine – Brisbane 2001
- Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Trophy – Best 1-year-old Red Wine – Rutherglen Wine Show 2001
- Ian Smith Memorial Trophy – Best Red Wine in Commercial Classes – Perth Wine Show 2002
- Gold Medals – Brisbane (2001,2002), Rutherglen (2001, 2002), Cowra (2002), Melbourne (2002), Perth (2002), Adelaide (2002), Limestone Coast (2002)

The Australian Gourmet Traveller “Wine Magazine” has included Majella in its listing of the Top 10 Cabernet producers in Australia, and the Bulletin magazine has included this wine in its “Top 20 Cellaring Wines” for the year of release in 2001. The Australian edition of “TIME” magazine rates the Majella 2000 Cabernet as No.1 in Australian cabernets.

We present it as a great example of Coonawarra Cabernet

Ageing Potential: 10 – 14 years

Winemaker: Bruce Gregory