

Majella Cabernet Sauvignon 2001

What more can we say about the Majella Cabernet? Universally regarded as one of Coonawarra's greatest wines, it continues to win trophies and medals throughout Australia and the world.

The 2001 Majella Cabernet was awarded the Stodart Trophy for the Best Young Red Wine at the 2002 Royal Brisbane Wine Show. (You might remember that its older sibling, the 2000 Majella Cabernet, picked up the same Trophy the preceding year - it's the first time that any winery has won the Stodart 'back to back').

The wine has a wonderful deep magenta color with a rich nose, ever so slightly herbaceous with just a hint of capsicum. The palate is true Coonawarra Cabernet - blackberries, black fruits, plus little bits of olive and plums. Very rich and very complex!

Winemaker Bruce Gregory spends a lot of his time at vintage working on tannins, and the fruits of his labor stand out in his wine. Lovely French-style 'chalky' tannins dominate the finish, which is, as ever, exceptionally long.

The wine was barrel fermented, and then aged for about 22 months in French oak hogsheads (300 liter barrels). 14% alc/vol.