

2004 Majella Merlot

Specifications:

Region: Coonawarra, South Australia Variety: 100% Merlot Harvest Date: Mid April

Although our Merlot vineyard was planted over 10 years ago this is the first Merlot ever produced under the Majella label.

The 2004 Majella Merlot is a very refined and elegant wine showing great Merlot fruit characteristics on the palate, with more than a little earthiness and "forest floor" characters.

The colour is a deep, brooding red, with a typical earthy and yet floral nose, showing hints of strawberry and aniseed and leading to great length on the finish.

Fermentation was finished in 300 litre French oak barrels (about 30% new oak) and after MLF the wine was further aged for another fourteen months in the same barrels.

A fantastically flavoured Coonawarra Merlot that adds great intensity and complexity to the Majella range.

"A stunner"; Chris Shanahan, Canberra Sunday Times

Aging Potential: 8-10 years Winemaker: Bruce Gregory