

# MAJELLA

C O O N A W A R R A

## Majella Merlot 2016

Majella Merlot was first produced in 2004.

Estate grown from a single vineyard, Quarry block, it is only made in exceptional years.

*Winner of the Peter Wehl trophy for best Merlot at the 2017 Limestone Coast Wine Show.*

### Vintage Conditions

The growing season was drier than average, and careful irrigation to optimise flavour development worked very well. Harvest was two weeks early, the result of a warmer than average October which advanced the whole season. There was a cooler finish with mild ripening conditions. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz have full palate richness whilst being medium bodied with fine tannins and excellent colour. Whites have good natural acidities this year, and show a lot of freshness and tang, with fine fruit flavours.

Another very good vintage in a run of good vintages since 2012.



### Winemaking

Fermentation was completed in 300 litre barrels and the wine was then aged for a further 15 months in French oak.

**Grape Variety** 100% Merlot

**Region** Coonawarra

### Winemakers Comments

Dark damson in colour with a ruby hue. Spicy red fruit and vanilla aromas, with a nice intensity and length of red berry fruit and subtle oak integration on the palate.

**Cellaring:** 6 to 8 years.



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