

MAJELLA

COONAWARRA

Majella Sparkling Shiraz 2019

Sparkling red wines are a great Australian tradition, and along with other wineries, Majella has kept the tradition alive with our very popular Sparkling Shiraz.

Vintage Conditions

Vintage 2019 commenced in Coonawarra in the last week of February. The red wine varietals were harvested through April, with a small carry over into May. A cool and dry April was perfect for ripening, allowing full flavour development and optimal sugar levels. Yields of red wine grapes were between average to slightly below the long-term average. Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon are both highly rated by Coonawarra winemakers. Shiraz is showing bright fruits with high colour intensity. Cabernet is deep and rich in colour with great varietal definition and soft ripe tannins.

Coonawarra received good winter rains leading into the growing season. This growing season has highlighted the importance of our good quality and quantity of underground water used to mitigate temperature and seasonal weather conditions and significantly benefiting from the typically cool nights created by the Southern Ocean.

Vintage timing is in line with the long-term average. All in all, 2019 Vintage for Coonawarra has been excellent.

Winemaking

The base wine of our sparkling Shiraz is matured in 2nd and 3rd use French oak hogsheads for 5 months before secondary fermentation. The wine is on "lees" for 12 months and using methode traditionnelle, the bottles are hand riddled, then disgorged and a small amount of liqueur (vintage port) is added for extra complexity.

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Grape Variety 100% Shiraz

Region Coonawarra

Winemakers Comments

The colour is a vibrant dark red with a bright ruby hue. Exhibiting a fine bead with attractive fresh plum, raspberry and blackberry aromas with similar black fruit characters and a hint of spice on the complex palate, which is smooth, balanced and luscious with gentle tannins and a generous finish.

Cellaring: enjoy now or cellar up to 10 years



Majella Wines