

# MAJELLA

COONAWARRA

## Majella Merlot 2019

*Majella Merlot was first produced in 2004.  
Estate grown from a single vineyard, Quarry block, it is  
only made in exceptional years.*

### Vintage Conditions

Vintage 2019 commenced in Coonawarra in the last week of February. The red wine varieties 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. 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

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 bright ruby hue. Fragrant nose of blackcurrant/ cassis with a luscious palate full of rich, ripe dark berry flavours with smooth tannins and subtle oak integration on the palate.

**Cellaring:** 6 to 8 years.



Majella Wines