

COONAWARRA

## Majella Rosé 2022

Rosé by tradition, is a light red ideal for summer drinking.

Majella has kept that tradition alive with our sixteenth release of rosé.

## **Vintage Conditions**

Coonawarra experienced another strong vintage in 2022. With stable conditions, high-quality fruit and moderate to good yields we ended slightly below the long-term average yield for the region.

Coonawarra received close to the long-term average rainfall throughout winter. Overall it was a mild growing season, with no prolonged heat waves or hot days—perfect ripening conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon.

The ideal flowering conditions and above-average temperature throughout January resulted in all varieties going through veraison quickly. A great sign of a very even year, with minimal variability between bunches and within bunches. Dry conditions continued through summer, and consequently, berries remained small with thick skins.

Coonawarra did receive a couple of rainfall events in mid-Spring, which combined with cooler temperatures, reduced the irrigation needs for the remainder of the season, which was beneficial to general vine health. These climatic conditions lead to steady increases in maturity levels, allowing winemakers to pick at optimum levels for ripeness and flavour.

Based on the colour and aromas that are coming through in the finished ferments, 2022 points to a good vintage with lovely firm acidity in the whites and good fruit expression and tannins across all reds, which will translate into wines that have good cellaring potential. Cabernet Sauvignon was a standout variety during the 2022 vintage.

## Winemaking

Our rosé was made with limited skin contact and fermentation was completed in stainless steel tanks. It is bottled in July under screw cap to retain the fresh fruit aromas and palate.

Grape Variety 57% Shiraz, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region

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## **Winemakers Comments**

A light, bright, pale salmon colour. Fragrant red fruit floral aromas with a soft and finely textured structure. Pretty strawberry, raspberry and pomegranate fruit notes linger on the palate, with a pleasantly soft finish.

Cellaring: Our rosé has been made to enjoy now.

