

MAJELLA

COONAWARRA

Majella Merlot 2020

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

Vintage Conditions

The 2020 vintage in Coonawarra can be characterised by small quantities of high quality fruit. The season began well with ideal soil moisture due to good rainfall between May and September. Coonawarra has been very fortunate not to have been affected by the bush fires that occurred throughout the Australian 2019/2020 summer.

Across the region, whites were picked in March, with the first of the reds coming off the vines late March, beginning of April.

Yields are reportedly down due to a cool Spring, however, the fruit is looking fantastic – small berries, great fruit concentration and lovely tannins. Warm days and cool nights provided the perfect ripening conditions for Coonawarra's signature variety, Cabernet Sauvignon, harvested mid-April.

The 2020 Coonawarra vintage has been free of disease, drought, and smoke taint. The wines at this early stage are looking excellent and 2020 will be a vintage to watch out for!

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