

MAJELLA

COONAWARRA

Majella Riesling 2023

Majella's estate grown Riesling comes from a single vineyard, Silica block, which was planted in 1994. Majella Riesling was first bottled in 1998.

Vintage Conditions

Coonawarra experienced average rainfall through the 2022 winter months and into spring, which was beneficial in recharging the aquifer and ensuring the growing season commenced with full soil moisture profiles.

Vintage commenced in late March with the white varieties, which had thrived, and display refined varietal characteristics and good natural acidity. Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz, the major red varieties, were harvested from early-April to mid-May. This was later than usual and resulted in sugar levels lower than the past few years but reminiscent of the great Coonawarra reds from the 1980's and 1990's.

Managing the red varieties required extra attention, with vineyards featuring moderate yields and open canopies generating the best results. The diligence of vineyard teams paid off with good quality grapes being delivered to wineries.

Overall, the 2023 vintage had its challenges, with both viticulturists and winemakers confronted with less than perfect conditions. However, winemakers are optimistic there will be some very good quality white wines, along with equally high quality red wines of the finer style released from the 2023 vintage.

Winemaking

Majella's Riesling is gently pressed with very limited skin contact to preserve the fruit aromas and flavours. Fermentation was completed in stainless steel tanks. The Riesling is bottled as a young wine to retain crisp freshness.

Grape Variety 100% Riesling

Region Coonawarra

Winemakers Comments

Pale straw gold in colour. Luscious tropical lime with apple and a touch of spice. Well balanced and refreshing.

Cellaring: Enjoy now, or cellar up to 8 years.



Majella Wines