

C O O N A W A R R A

Majella Merlot 2022

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

Vintage Conditions

Coonawarra's 2022 vintage was strong, with stable conditions, high-quality fruit, and moderate yields, slightly below the region's long-term average.

The growing season was mild, with no extreme heat, and consistent rainfall during winter. Ideal flowering conditions and warm January temperatures led to quick veraison, ensuring even ripening with minimal variability. Dry summer conditions resulted in small berries with thick skins. Mid-spring rainfall and cooler temperatures reduced irrigation needs, benefiting vine health. The 2022 reds show excellent fruit expression and tannins, promising wines with strong cellaring potential.

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

The 2022 Majella Merlot is dark red in colour with a bright ruby hue. Plum, blackcurrant and mulberry flavours mix with briar, blueberry and mint, all set within a medium-weight context. There's persistent acidity and a plush, pillowy mouthfeel.

Cellaring: 6 to 8 years.

