

# MAJELLA

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## Majella 'The Malleea' 2021

*"The Malleea" by Majella continues the great Australian tradition of Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz blends.*

*"Malleea" a Aboriginal term meaning "green paddock" is a great descriptor for the green, lush pastures and vineyards of the limestone coast region in the South Eastern portion of South Australia.*

*The Malleea was first made in 1996 and is only produced when growing conditions are perfect for producing premium quality wines.*

**Halliday rating - Gold 95 points**

### Vintage Conditions

The 2021 Coonawarra vintage was marked by a mild, stable season with long ripening intervals, delivering exceptional conditions for red varieties. A warm and dry flowering period ensured even berry set, while the absence of major rainfall events and disease allowed fruit to mature steadily. Picking began in late February for whites, with Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon harvested in close succession from early April through mid-May, reflecting the extended nature of the season.

These cooler conditions produced small berries with thick skins, resulting in reds of remarkable colour, tannin structure, and fruit expression. Early ferments reveal vibrant aromas and firm acidity, pointing to wines with excellent cellaring potential—Cabernet Sauvignon, in particular, showing the hallmarks of a truly outstanding vintage.

### Winemaking

Individual parcels of fruit are fermented in small static fermenters for 5 days then transferred to new French oak barrels to finish fermentation. The wine parcels are then aged for another 18 months before individual barrels are selected by our winemakers for their exceptional quality to become the Malleea blend.

**Grape Variety** 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Shiraz

**Region** Coonawarra

### Winemakers Comments

A wine of layered complexity. Aromas of blackberry, and plum accompanied by subtle spice and forest tones. Oak is measured, lending whispers of mahogany and coffee, while graphite adds a fine edge. The palate is supple yet structured, its shiraz richness balanced by graceful tannins that finish dry and polished.

This vintage is an elegant expression that invites contemplation. It carries depth without excess, delivering a harmonious interplay of fruit, oak, and texture.

**Cellaring:** 15 - 20 years

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