

# MAJELLA

C O O N A W A R R A

## Majella Sparkling Shiraz 2023

*Sparkling red wines are a great Australian tradition, and along with other wineries, Majella has kept the tradition alive with our very popular Sparkling Shiraz.*

### 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

The base wine of our sparkling Shiraz is matured in 2nd and 3rd use French oak hogsheads for 5 months before secondary fermentation in bottle. The wine is on "lees" for 14 months and using methode traditionnelle, the bottles are hand riddled, then disgorged and a small amount of liqueur (vintage port) is added for extra complexity.

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**Grape Variety** 100% Shiraz

**Region** Coonawarra

### Winemakers Comments

The colour is a vibrant dark red with a bright ruby hue.

Exhibiting a fine bead with attractive ripe red currant, plum, raspberry and rhubarb aromas with similar fruit characters and Christmas cake spices on the palate, which is very smooth, balanced and rich with gentle tannins and a generous finish.

**Cellaring:** enjoy now or cellar up to 10 years



Majella Wines