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Majella “The Musician” 2023

*This Classic Australian blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz
was produced by Majella Wines from grapes grown on the
Majella vineyard in Coonawarra, South Australia.*

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 Musician is made as a light and elegant dry red. Fermentation was in both stainless steel tanks and oak barrels then aged for a further six months with minimal oak contact. It was then blended and bottled as a young red to retain freshness.

Grape Variety 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Shiraz

Region Coonawarra

Winemakers Comments

It is just the beautiful Coonawarra fruit to the fore. Dark plum/maroon with a magenta rim, this vintage is dominated by delightful red fruit notes, with wild raspberries and cherries, a touch of mild chocolate, dry herbs, kirsch and coffee grinds. A supple texture, the wine is beautifully balanced and well-structured with excellent length through to silky tannins. A perfect pairing of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

Cellaring: The Musician is made to enjoy now or cellar for up to 5 years.

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