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COONAWARRA ESTATE



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Michael Shiraz

2012

Michael Shiraz is Wynns Coonawarra Estate's best-of-vintage Shiraz. The first Michael (then named Michael Hermitage) was a one-off make from the 1955 vintage, made after proprietor David Wynn noticed the outstanding quality of the wine from two particular barrels and ordered them to be bottled separately. This wine - named after Wynn's young son - is a legend of the Australian wine story with good examples of the 1955 Michael Hermitage still offering an outstanding wine experience.

Revived with the superb 1990 vintage, the fruit used for this wine comes from the best vineyard sites in Coonawarra and is made only in years when the grapes are of extraordinarily high quality.

Winemaker Comments: Sue Hodder

Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

Vintage Conditions

A low-yielding and early long-ripening season provided optimal flavour development

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date March 2012

pH 3.61

Acidity 6.7g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar 0.4g/L

Peak Drinking

Cellar carefully for eight to 20 years

Grape Variety

Shiraz

Maturation

14 months in new and seasoned French oak barrels (16% new)

Colour

Bright purple with a vivid purple hue.

Nose

Opulent notes of raspberry, red currant and rhubarb, with darker fruits including mulberry and black cherry. The elegant use of French oak adds subtle hints of cedar wood, nutmeg and hints of rose.

Palate

Succulent, bright raspberry and mulberry on the mid-palate. Well-integrated, fine tannins, restrained oak and balanced acidity with a silky, layered, textured length.