# WYNNS

COONAWARRA ESTATE

# THE 2023 WYNNSDAY COLLECTION





# *Wynns* THE 2023 WYNNSDAY WINE PLANS

#### ICON COLLECTION 2023

John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon 2020\* Michael Shiraz 2018^ Glengyle Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2021 V&A Lane Shiraz 2021 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

\*Available for general purchase in September 2023 ^Back vintage due to no new vintage released



#### **BLACK LABEL COLLECTION 2023**

Cabernet Sauvignon Dozen 12x Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Shiraz Dozen 12x Black Label 'Old Vines' Shiraz 2021

Mixed Dozen 6x Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 6x Black Label 'Old Vines' Shiraz 2021

#### CLASSIC COLLECTION 2023

Red Collection 3x The Gables Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 3x The Siding Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 3x Coonawarra Shiraz 2021 3x Cabernet Shiraz Merlot Malbec 2021

Mixed Collection 2x The Gables Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 2x The Siding Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 2x Coonawarra Shiraz 2021 2x Cabernet Shiraz Merlot Malbec 2021 2x Coonawarra Chardonnay 2022 2x Riesling 2022









# A Benchmark Collection THE 2023 WYNNSDAY COLLECTION

Wynnsday 2023 sees the release of five elegant, medium-bodied Coonawarra wines from the outstanding 2021 vintage.

THE COLLECTION IS HEADLINED BY THE 66TH VINTAGE OF ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST CELLARED WINES, BLACK LABEL CABERNET SAUVIGNON, AND SEES THE RETURN OF BLACK LABEL 'OLD VINES' SHIRAZ MADE PREDOMINANTLY FROM OUR TWO OLDEST VINEYARDS.

THE GLENGYLE VINEYARD NORTH OF V&A LANE HAS BEEN SELECTED AS OUR SINGLE VINEYARD RELEASE IN 2007, 2009 AND NOW IN 2021.

FINALLY, SARAH PIDGEON HAS MADE FINELY-STRUCTURED, EARLY PICKED CABERNET AND CABERNET SHIRAZ WINES FROM THE WYNNS V&A LANE VINEYARDS.

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SUE HODDER, SENIOR WINEMAKER

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# The Wynns Philosophy CRAFTED WITH EXPERIENCE

AT WYNNS, OUR WINEMAKING STYLE IS A TESTAMENT TO THE QUALITY AND HERITAGE OF OUR VINEYARDS.

#### Sue Hodder, Senior Winemaker

Sue celebrates her 31st vintage with Wynns in 2023. She brings valuable experience from making and marketing wines internationally and has judged extensively in regional, national and international wine shows. Sue has received numerous awards in her career, most recently being named a Fellow of the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology (ASVO) in 2021 for her outstanding and meritorious contribution to Australian wine. In 2010 she was awarded Gourmet Traveller WINE's 'Winemaker of the Year' alongside Wynns viticulturist, Allen Jenkins; and in 2016 Sue and Sarah Pidgeon were jointly named 'Winemaker of the Year' at the 2016 ASVO Awards for excellence.

#### Sarah Pidgeon, Winemaker

Since joining Wynns in 1998, Sarah has cultivated her love of well-cellared, mature wines through her custodianship of the precious Wynns museum wines. A graduate of the prestigious Len Evans Tutorial, Sarah's judging experience spans two decades at both regional and national shows. She has contributed to many pivotal innovations at Wynns, including the development of a rigorous oak selection program, the introduction of world class vision berry sorting, and investigating fermentation nutrition. Sarah was a Gourmet Traveller 'Winemaker of the Year' 2019 finalist; joint winner of the ASVO 'Winemaker of the Year' 2016 with Sue; and finalist of the inaugural Australian Women in Wine Awards 'Winemaker of the Year' in 2015.

#### Chris Plummer, Winemaker

After a 14 year career in transportation, Chris followed his passion to study wine at the University of Adelaide. There he accumulated many academic awards including the Gramp Hardy Smith Prize, awarded to the graduate with top grades over the course of the Viticulture and Oenology degree (dux). In addition to this, he also won the Kenneth T Hardy Memorial Scholarship in his first year and the Brokenwood Scholarship in his second year. Following vintages in several regions across Australia and the United States, Chris joined the Wynns winemaking team in 2021.

#### Ben Harris, Viticulturist

Ben joined Wynns in 2010 as a Vineyard Manager and in 2021 stepped into the shoes of industry stalwart Allen Jenkins as the manager of the Viticultural team. In the same year he was also named the ASVO's 'Viticulturist of the Year', which was a career highlight. Ben strives to continue to grow and develop the sustainability practices at Wynns and discover innovative ways to respond to the changing climate within the viticulture industry. A 2022 Len Evans Tutorial graduate, Ben is a board member of Coonawarra Vignerons and sits on the National Biosecurity Committee for Australian Grape & Wine.



Sue Hodder, Senior Winemaker



Chris Plummer, Winemaker



Sarah Pidgeon, Winemaker



Ben Harris, Viticulturist



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# Coonawarra Terra Rossa WORLD-CLASS TERROIR

Coonawarra's international reputation comes from the regionally specific *Terra Rossa*. The unique combination of this rich red soil and a cool southerly climate is optimal for growing intensely flavoured grapes. Perched on a low limestone dune around 600,000 years old, Coonawarra's *Terra Rossa* is a narrow 20-kilometre strip that boasts the most sought after vineyard soil in Australia.

Grapes grown in this cool, exposed environment ripen slowly, developing flavour and intensity, while maintaining balanced acidity. Ongoing productivity of the vines is underpinned by a shallow, unconfined limestone aquifer that provides plentiful water, supplied primarily by local rainfall and supplemented by underground lateral flows from the east. These climatic factors combine with the benefits of the free-draining Terra Rossa soil to create conditions conducive to producing low yielding, high quality grapes.

The resulting Wynns wines have long been regarded as among Australia's greatest – known for their style and longevity.



1	MicBains Shiraz	20	Davis
2	McBains Cabernet Sauvignon	21	Undoolya
3	Gartner	22	Home Blocks Shiraz
4	Gordons	23	Mulligan
5	0'Deas	24	St Cedds
6	O'Deas - 3.13 (Hobbit)	25	Sharam
7	Munns	26	Harold
8	Alexander	27	Giles
9	Alex 88	28	Albert
0	Alex 84	29	Glengyle
1	MacKillop	30	Childs
2	Richardsons	31	V & A Lane Shiraz
3	Cellar Pedro	32	V & A Lane Cabernet Sauvignon
4	Lear	33	Hayes
15	Cellar West	34	Woods
6	Redman	35	Adamsons
17	Johnsons Shiraz	36	Messenger
8	Johnsons Cabernet Sauvignon	37	Messenger 3 Cabernet Sauvignor
9	South Block	38	Abbey





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WHAT IS NOW WYNNS COONAWARRA ESTATE WAS FOUNDED BY SCOTTISH PIONEER JOHN RIDDOCH. HE PLANTED VINEYARDS IN 1891 AND COMPLETED THE ESTATE'S FAMOUS THREE-GABLED WINERY IN 1896. LATER IN 1951, MELBOURNE WINE MERCHANTS SAMUEL AND DAVID WYNN PURCHASED RIDDOCH'S ORIGINAL VINEYARDS AND WINERY AND RENAMED THE PROPERTY WYNNS COONAWARRA ESTATE. The Wynn family recognised the intrinsic qualities of Coonawarra wines – their richness and intensity of fruit character – and set out to build an independent identity in the region. They created the famous label that has made the triplegabled winery a recognised symbol of heritage and refinement in Australia, qualities Wynns prides itself on.

With the longest established vineyards in the Coonawarra region ,Wynns is today not only one of the world's finest terroirs, but also presents one of the world's preeminent winemaking and viticultural teams. Together Wynns winemakers Sue Hodder, Sarah Pidgeon and Chris Plummer, alongside viticulturist Ben Harris, patiently develop and culture an annual collection of wines universally acclaimed for their consistent quality and depth of flavour.

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# Wynns 2021 VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Low rainfall over winter and through the whole growing season (October to April). A warm spring led to a great, fast flowering and a perfect set. Shoot thinning was used to achieve moderate crop levels. There were moderate temperatures throughout the season with no extreme heat or cold. Wynns 2021 wines have a notable iridescence to their colours and a similar vibrancy and depth of flavour. This is bound to be one of the classic Coonawarra vintages.



## New Vintage 2021 WYNNS V&A LANE SHIRAZ

Amongst the patchwork of Wynns vineyards on the famed terra rossa strip, one special area is V&A Lane. A long, straight road surveyed in 1851 which was the old district boundary between the historical electorates of Victoria and Albert. The mature Shiraz vineyards along V&A Lane ripen early and are among the first picked each season. The resulting wines have a modern appeal being fresh and spicy, yet still maintaining the succulent and silky palate structure of a Shiraz that can proudly take its place on the world stage.

The purpose of V&A Lane Shiraz is to showcase a contrasting wine style from one of our most beloved grape varieties. A purposely early harvest to highlight a fresh red fruit spectrum, naturally lower alcohol, whole bunch inclusion, wild ferments, and the use of larger oak for maturation are just some of the techniques employed to make these beautiful food friendly wines.

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS: SARAH PIDGEON

#### VARIETY & REGION

100% Coonawarra Shiraz from vineyards on V&A Lane on Coonawarra's Terra Rossa strip. Vine age is 49 years old.

#### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 12.7% pH 3.61 / TA 6.5g/L / RS 0.1g/L (dry)

#### PEAK DURATION

Enjoy on release or cellar carefully for up to 10 years.

#### MATURATION

14 months in seasoned French oak puncheons.

100% puncheons, 2-6 years old.

### COLOUR

Bright crimson.

#### NOSE

Roasted strawberry, magnolia flower and fresh pastry notes. The 50% whole bunches retained in ferment enhance the cool climate florals to next level.

#### PALATE

Bright cherry and blueberry complement more savoury elements of stalks, pastry, and spice. There is a light yet expansive quality to the palate. The pure fruits flow through to lingering crushed pepper and a biscuity finish. This is an early ripening, early harvested wine. The resulting freshness and brightness with low alcohol and many layers of flavour has become a signature of the V&A Lane wines.

#### PERFECT PAIRING

Korean vegetable pancake with brown vinegar dipping sauce and kimchi.

Why? Fresh and simple Korean comfort food that is healthy and delicious and allows this lovely wine to take centre stage.

#### WINEMAKING

Harvested on 17th March. Natural ferment in an open fermenter. 50% whole bunch.







# New Vintage 2021 WYNNS V&A LANE CABERNET SHIRAZ

The Cabernet vineyards from V&A Lane have long been looked to for their depth and character as important contributors to Wynns top wines. The inspiration for the V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz comes from the Wynns 'claret story' that goes back to the 1950s, where wines were made to a style rather than being about exact proportions. For this modern version, the grapes are harvested on the same day and then cofermented. The purpose of V&A Lane wines is to showcase a contrasting wine style from our two most beloved grape varieties. A purposely early harvest to highlight a fresh red fruit spectrum, naturally lower alcohol, wild ferments, and the use of larger oak for maturation are just some of the techniques employed to make these beautiful food friendly wines.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS: SARAH PIDGEON

#### VARIETY & REGION

67% Cabernet 33% Shiraz from vineyards along V&A Lane on Coonawarra's Terra Rossa strip. Average vine age 37 is years old.

#### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 12.8% pH 3.55 / TA 6.5g/L / RS 0.2g/L

PEAK DURATION Enjoy on release or cellar carefully

for up to 15 years.

#### MATURATION

13 months in new and seasoned French oak puncheons and hogsheads. 10% new, 24% 1 year old, 66% 2-6 years old.

56% puncheons, 44% hogsheads.

#### COLOUR

Dark crimson.

#### NOSE

There are red apple blossoms, mulberry, raspberry and white pepper notes. A pleasant dusty spice and a hint of bay leaf gives an overall harmony and restraint to the aromas.

#### PALATE

Co-fermentation of the two varieties creates a layered and harmonious style, with unique tannin structure. There is a weightless feel to the palate without compromise to intensity. A mix of forest berries, black tea and aniseed plays on the palate. The texture is lightly powdery and persistent, with the gentle tannins adding length. All this meshes beautifully with perfectly balanced acidity ensuring a seamless fresh note in the wine right to the end.

#### PERFECT PAIRING

Southern Thai yellow coconut crab curry with betel leaf. Or... Plum and fig fruit salad steeped in light red wine.

Why? There is both a lightness and richness to this gorgeous silky curry – qualities reflected in the V&A Lane blend.

This fruit salad was a surprise hit served in a classic Paris Bistrot and mirrors the fruit flavours and weight of the V&A Lane blend.

#### WINEMAKING

Harvested on 24th March. Both varieties fermented together in an open fermenter. Natural ferment.



## New Vintage 2021 WYNNS OLD VINES SHIRAZ

SHIRAZ (FORMERLY KNOWN AS "HERMITAGE") IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF COONAWARRA' S HISTORY. THE ACKNOWLEDGED REPUTATION OF COONAWARRA FOR AGE WORTHY WINES HAS LARGELY CENTRED ON CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CABERNET SHIRAZ BLENDS. HOWEVER, THE VERY EARLY HISTORY (IN THE 1890S) FOCUSED ON OTHER VARIETIES – PARTICULARLY SHIRAZ. TODAY WYNNS IS PRIVILEGED TO GROW SHIRAZ ON MANY PRIME LOCATIONS WITHIN COONAWARRA. THESE VINEYARDS HAVE STORIES TO TELL AND A HISTORY OF QUALITY. WE SELECT THE BLACK LABEL SHIRAZ FROM THE OLDEST OF THEM INCLUDING THE UNDOOLYA VINEYARD, A RARE FRAGMENT OF THE ORIGINAL 1890S FRUIT COLONY PLANTING, WHICH WAS PLANTED IN BETWEEN 1894 AND 1897. WYNNS 'OLD VINES' SHIRAZ IS A SUPERB EXAMPLE OF COONAWARRA'S COOL CLIMATE STYLE.

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS: SUE HODDER, SARAH PIDGEON, CHRIS PLUMMER

#### VARIETY & REGION

100% Shiraz from Wynns own vineyards on the Terra Rossa strip. The backbone of this wine is parcels from Wynns two oldest vineyards Undoolya (planted 1894-7) and Johnsons Block (planted 1925). Average vine age is 75 years old.

#### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.8% pH 3.63 / TA 6.1g/L / RS 0.4g/L (dry)

#### PEAK DURATION

Enjoy on release or cellar carefully for 10+ years.

#### MATURATION

Matured for 13 months in new and seasoned French oak barrels (13% new).

72% in 300L hogsheads, 18% in 225L barriques, 10% in 3000L wooden vats.

#### COLOUR

Intense ruby colour with a youthful purple hue.

#### NOSE

Pristine berry fruits dominate the nose, supported hints of orange blossom, lavender and subtle spices.

#### PALATE

A classic medium-bodied Shiraz palate, fine and silky. Crunchy dark berries with black pepper and some delicate spiced pastry notes. Sleek tannin with lively acidity frames the bright fruit creating a seamless, layered wine, telling of its cool climate home.

#### PERFECT PAIRING

Vitello tonnato: Northern Italian styled poached veal with a creamy tuna and lemon sauce, traditionally served cold as an antipasto. Scatter with fried capers, rocket and serve with a crusty loaf.

Why? The silky red fruit flavours are a wonderful juxtaposition to the salt and smoky notes of this classic dish, giving a refreshing and satisfying experience.

#### WINEMAKING

The old Shiraz vineyards were harvested in late March and early April 2021, a little later than long term average for Shiraz. The individual vineyards are selectively harvested, and vision berry sorted to a range of fermenters, including opens and statics. There are some natural ferments as well as selected cerevisiae yeast. 2 weeks on skins for most parcels. Vineyard Parcels are kept separate in barrel for maturation, before the final selection is made.



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- 66TH VINTAGE -----

COONAWARRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

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## New Vintage 2021 WYNNS BLACK LABEL CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Wynns Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon is a true icon of Australian wine. First produced in 1954, it has a reputation for ageing gracefully and displaying excellent varietal and regional characteristics. The wine is produced from only the top quality 20 to 25 percent of Cabernet Sauvignon fruit grown in our terra rossa vineyards. A wine of style and stature – and a perennial favourite in auction circles – 'Black Label' is one of Australia's most collectable wines and Australia's benchmark Cabernet Sauvignon. It consistently delivers potential for medium to long-term cellaring.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS: SUE HODDER, SARAH PIDGEON, CHRIS PLUMMER

#### VARIETY & REGION

Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 100% from Wynns own vineyards on the Terra Rossa strip. 25 vineyards were selected as worthy of the Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon blend in 2021. They were harvested from our best Terra Rossa vineyards over three weeks in April. Our oldest vineyards from the 1950s and 1960s define the style of this iconic Wynns wine. Average vine age is 32 years old.

#### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.4% pH 3.56 / TA 6.6g/L / RS 0.3g/L (dry)

#### PEAK DURATION

Enjoy on release or cellar carefully for 10+ years.

#### MATURATION

Matured for 14 months in new and seasoned French oak barrels (24% new). 60% in 300L hogsheads, 34% in 225L barriques and 6% in 3000L wooden vats.

#### COLOUR

Deep crimson/red with an intense dark core.

#### NOSE

There is a great volume of aromatics here for such a young Cabernet. Redcurrant bun, classic cassis, red cherry with some pleasant earthy and savoury depth pushing the fruits notes up. Chocolate, almond and honeycomb notes complement the fruit notes.

#### PALATE

Plush fruit up front, even and wide across the palate, but not overwhelming. Raspberry and plum are complemented by subtle fragrant oak at the back palate, leading to a clean fine finish.

#### PERFECT PAIRING

Hoisin glazed baked salmon with wilted greens.

Why? It has become a tradition for us to recommend a Salmon dish with our iconic Cabernet each year, as a way to champion imaginative food matchings with our medium bodied red wines. The smoky and spice notes from the Hoisin glaze mirror the layers of flavour in the Cabernet and enhance the wine's fresh and savoury characters.

#### WINEMAKING

The individual vineyards are selectively harvested, and vision berry sorted to a range of fermenters, including opens, statics and vinomatics. There are some natural ferments and both cerevisiae and bayanus yeasts selected to enhance the naturally bright fruit. 2 to 3 weeks on skins for most parcels, with a few needing 2 months on skins to add savoury complexity. Vineyard Parcels are kept separate in barrel for maturation, before the final selection is made for this important blend.



# New Vintage 2021 WYNNS GLENGYLE SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Each vintage Wynns select a premium parcel from a single vineyard to bottle separately. This year the selection is from the Glengyle vineyard just north of V&A Lane. Glengyle is a fragment of John Riddoch's original block 474. It was planted on own roots with preclonal Cabernet Sauvignon in 1969 and is now renowned as an early ripening vineyard in the heart of the Terra Rossa soil. Glengyle has been selected as a single vineyard release in 2007, 2009 and now in 2021. In the three vintages selected for release, the growing season temperature was average with low rainfall, and the grapes were amongst the earliest harvested Cabernet of the season.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS: SUE HODDER, SARAH PIDGEON, CHRIS PLUMMER

#### VARIETY & REGION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Glengyle vineyard on Coonawarra's Terra Rossa strip.

#### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.6% pH 3.55 / TA 6.4g/L / RS 0.3g/L (dry)

#### PEAK DURATION

Enjoy on release or cellar carefully for 10+ years.

#### MATURATION

13 months in new and seasoned French oak barriques and vats.

30% new barriques, 30% seasoned barriques, 40% seasoned vats.

#### COLOUR

Dark red with a deep core.

### NOSE

Dusty cocoa, dill and brambly notes meshing with red berries.

### PALATE

The flavours are beautifully fresh, echoing crunchy red berries and intriguing gentle florals. This wine is finely polished and focused in structure, with great persistence and intensity giving the impression of a wine that is layered, flowing and building all at once. A true wine of stature.

#### PERFECT PAIRING

Josper (charcoal) grilled beef short ribs with brown butter sauce.

Why? Inspired by a recent Nordic feast. Extra depth and intensity of flavour comes from the charcoal grilling. This is an amazingly pure and intense wine which can sit as a beacon next to these strong flavours.

#### WINEMAKING

Harvest date 23rd April. Vision berry sorted to a static fermenter. 15 days on skins. Racked to barrels after mlf completed.



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## TOTAL COLLECTION

#### LUXURY

\$149.99 RRP Johh Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon Michael Shiraz

\$79.99 RRP Single Vineyard

#### \$59.99 RRP V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz V&A Lane Shiraz

\$45.00 RRP Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label Old Vines Shiraz

The Luxury wines are the pinnacle of the Wynns Collection and offer uncompromised quality.

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#### COONAWARRA ESTATE

\$20.00 RRP Cabernet Shiraz Merlot Malbec (Red Stripe) Shiraz The Siding Cabernet Sauvignon Riesling Chardonnay

#### SMALL PARCELS

\$25.00 RRP The Gables Cabernet Sauvignon

\$70.00 RRP Pedro Ximenez Our Coonawarra core range delivers regionally-distinct varieties and demonstrates that the region can produce fine whites and reds, in much the same way as Bordeaux.

#### The Gables Crafted from small, sel

Crafted from small, select parcels of the region's famed Cabernet Sauvignon grape vines.

#### Pedro Ximenez

Taken from grapes grown out the front of The Gables, this is a classic fortified sweet white with an average age of 5 years in the solera.





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#### REFRAMED

\$26.00 RRP Cabernet Rosé Fiano x Pinot Grigio x Arneis Shiraz Riesling Cabernet Franc x Cabernet Sauvignon Wynns Reframed is expertly crafted to combine age-old knowledge with contemporary approaches. The range delivers experimental blends and new regional collaborations.



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