



Messenger Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Each vintage Wynns select a premium parcel from a single vineyard to bottle separately. In 2021 the Messenger vineyard, in the southern section of the Terra Rossa strip, showed to distinction. The wine is an excellent follow on from the 2005, 2010 and 2015 from this lovely vineyard, which often shows its signature perfume and silkiness to best advantage in a warmer year. Planted in 1975, Messenger Cabernet Sauvignon is a dry grown vineyard on own roots, on deeper soils.

Winemaker Comments: Sarah Pidgeon

Variety

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage Conditions 2021

In 2021, the Coonawarra vintage was as close to optimal as we can recall in the last 30 years. The preceding winter and spring were below average in rainfall. A warmer spring led to a great, fast flowering and set. Some “green harvest” was required to achieve balanced yields for quality. There were moderate temperatures throughout the season, with no extreme heat or cold. The 2021 wines have a notable colour iridescence that follows to fruit vibrancy and depth of flavour.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 13.6% **pH** 3.59 **Acidity** 6.3g/L **Residual Sugar** 0.5g/L

Peak Duration

Enjoy on release or cellar carefully for 10+ years.

Maturation

Matured for 15 months in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads 16% new, balance 2yo.

Color

Glowing garnet

Nose

Lovely intensity, with fragrant lavender and sage notes leading into cranberry and red currant, then violets and a hint of soy.

Palate

Persistent silky tannin frames a generously flavoured wine with crunchy bright fruit. Both red and dark fruits mesh with savoury notes. Cranberry, soy, and lightly smoky tobacco leaf support an elegant, seamless palate which pushes the flavours to a flowing and lingering finish.

Perfect Pairing

Hand rolled Argentinian paprika beef and green olive empanadas. The lightly spiced meat is freshened by the plush Cabernet fruit and the herbal tones and green olive combine a brisk, persistent aftertaste.