V & A Lane Cabernet Shiraz
2014

V&A Lane is a long, straight road on the Wynns property that dissects Coonawarra's famous terra rossa strip at its midpoint. Surveyed in 1851, the lane divides the original electorates of Victoria and Albert. Traditionally, the road has been used as a landmark to separate northern and southern vineyards in Coonawarra, as well as being a prestigious and sought-after location for growing exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz grapes.

This wine honours Wynns' prized vineyards along V & A Lane. The Cabernet vineyards from V&A Lane have been important contributors to Wynns' top wines for many years and have great pedigree. This area is also gaining a reputation for great Shiraz, and a marriage of the two varieties reflects Wynns history through the early claret style wines of the 1950s and 60s. The distinctive fruit from these vineyards has a signature finesse and is the defining characteristic of this location along the Coonawarra strip.

Winemaker Comments Sarah Pidgeon

Vineyard Region
Coonawarra

Vintage Conditions
Even and long ripening, with low rainfall and moderate yields, delivering full fruit flavours and balanced acidity.

Wine Analysis
Harvest
March 2014

pH 3.54

Acidity 6.6g/L

Alcohol 13%

Residual Sugar 0.4g/L

Peak Drinking
Enjoy on release, or cellar carefully for five to 15 years.

Grape Variety
72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Shiraz

Maturation
14 months in a combination of new and used French oak (15% new, remainder in one to five year-old oak).

Colour
Deep crimson

Nose
Concentrated mulberry and blackberry with hints of flinty shale and distilled blood orange.

Palate
Co- fermentation creates a rich and textured style. The long time on skins takes the fruit into savoury and complex territory. Dark brambly fruits are layered with wet tobacco aniseed and peppery spice. Velvety tannin creates depth and is defined by crisp acidity and beautiful line, leaving the palate full and long with a smoky gravelly finish.