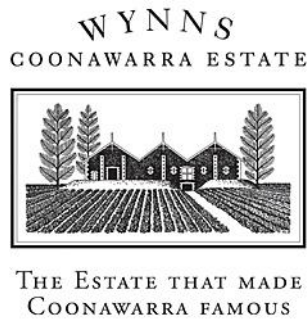




V & A Lane Coonawarra Shiraz 2008

V & A Lane is a long, straight road that dissects Coonawarra's famous terra rossa strip at its midpoint. Estimated to be surveyed in the late 1840s, the lane divides the original electorates of Victoria and Albert.

Traditionally it has been used as a landmark to separate northern and southern vineyards in Coonawarra, and is a prestigious and sought after locality for growing exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

This wine honours Wynns' prized vineyards along V & A Lane. The renowned fruit from these vineyards has a signature density and richness; the defining characteristic of this location along the Coonawarra strip.

In 2008 two wines were made to highlight the fruit from the vineyards on V & A Lane; a straight Shiraz and a Cabernet Shiraz blend.

Wynns Coonawarra Estate was the first winery to be established in Coonawarra, by John Riddoch in 1896.

Winemaker Comments Sarah Pidgeon

Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

Vintage Conditions

October and November received above average rain which reduced frost pressure. The rest of the growing season from December - March was very dry, with only 25mm in late January to freshen the vines pre-veraison. High temperatures in short bursts in January necessitated careful irrigation to maintain canopy function and vine health, which was excellent in the vineyards through to harvest. Between the short hot spells the temperatures were cool to mild which created excellent flavour development.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date March - April 2008

pH 3.56

Acidity 6.0g/L

Alcohol 14.0%

Residual Sugar 0.7g/L

Bottling Date December 2009

Peak Drinking To 2020

Grape Variety

Shiraz

Maturation

This wine was matured for 20 months in 50% new French oak barrels, 15% new American oak barrels, with the remainder in 35% seasoned American oak barrels.

Colour

A rich deep red colour with vibrant purple hues.

Nose

Lifted spice and floral aromas sit above blackcurrant and macerated dark cherries. The oak is balanced and in tune with the nose's bright fruit aromas.

Palate

An engaging palate of red berries, plum & chocolate flavours support stylish spicy oak. There are bountiful but soft tannins coating the palate, leaving rich, multi-layered flavours in the mouth. This is a textural, deep Shiraz with seductively sweet fruit. The result is a beautifully balanced wine and a fitting tribute to the vineyards of V & A Lane.