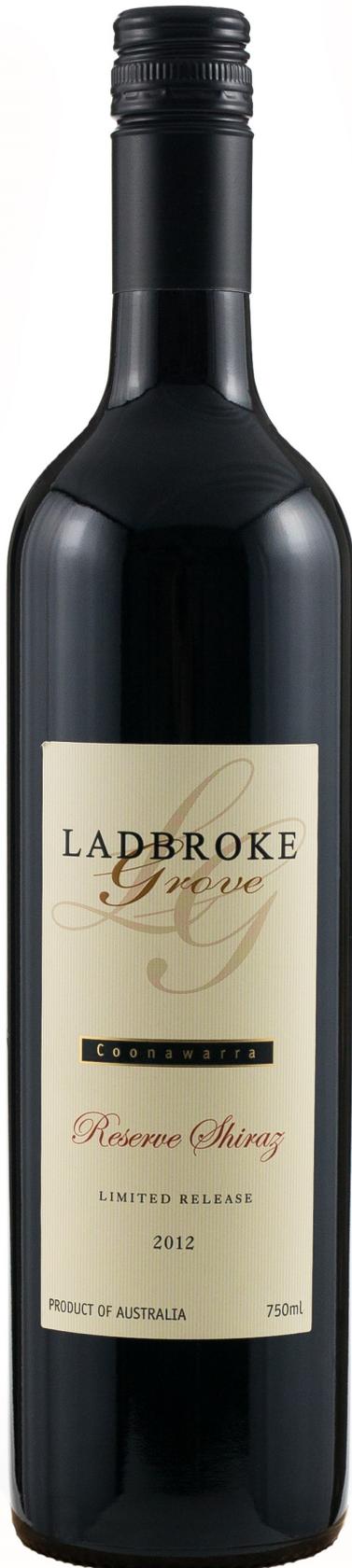


LADBROKE *Grove*

2012 SHIRAZ RESERVE



Ladbroke Grove Shiraz Reserve is a classic full flavoured, elegantly structured cool climate wine showing the true expression of a single vineyard site in Coonawarra.

Variety:

100% Shiraz

Vineyard:

The fruit is sourced entirely from our Magarey vineyard located at the northern end of the terra rossa strip. This area is known for being a preferable growing location for Shiraz. The Vineyard is 18 years old and yield is approximately 5 tonnes per hectare.

Vintage Conditions:

Described by winemakers as an “excellent” vintage, good winter rains, an early burst of warm weather and a lack of frosts meant the vines started their growing season a couple of weeks early. A period of very cool nights and mild but warm days occurred which served to effectively slow the ripening process, giving the grapes time to reach optimum maturity. Crisp acidity and good varietal definition is well noted in all wines of this vintage.

Vinification:

Fermented in open fermenters. A portion of the wine was pressed off skins at 2 baumé to finish ferment in new oak, whilst the remainder was pressed upon dryness. The wine was matured in a mix of new and second fill French barrels for 22 months prior to blending and bottling.

Tasting Notes:

Colour: Deep, dark youthful red.

Aroma: Intense dark ripe berries with a hint of black pepper and lifted aromas of mocha and vanilla from the partial barrel fermentation.

Palate: Structured yet powerful, layers of fruit are framed by restrained oak. Sweet red berry and chocolate notes contribute to a smooth, velvety texture. A firm, balanced tannin structure gives the wine an excellent persistence of flavour.

Peak drinking: Very approachable now, but careful cellaring will allow further development with bottle age.

Wine Analysis:

Alcohol 14.0%

Total Acidity 6.73g/L

pH 3.56

Residual Sugar 1.21g/L

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