

# COONAWARRA *Estate*

## 2017 SHIRAZ CABERNET

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The quintessential Australia blend. A bold, full-flavoured and elegantly structured cool-climate wine showing the true expression of Coonawarra.

**Variety:**

60% Shiraz 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vineyard:**

The fruit is sourced from our Magarey, Killian and Chinaman's Lane Vineyards. Yield was approximately 5 tonnes per hectare.

**Vintage Conditions:**

A cool growing season with above average winter rainfall led to a more traditional Coonawarra Vintage. The cooler spring conditions caused delay in budburst and flowering. A mild summer coupled with variable weather resulted in a late start to harvest.

**Vinification:**

Fermented in open top fermenters, a portion of the wine was pressed off skins at 2 baumé in new oak, whilst the remainder was pressed upon dryness. The wine was matured in a mix of new and second fill French oak barrels for 18 months prior to bottling.

**Tasting Notes:**

**Colour:** Deep, dark youthful red hues

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

**Palate:** Structured and powerful, 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:** Having developed well in the bottle, this wine is ready to drink now or cellar 6-8 years.

**Wine Analysis:**

**Alcohol** 14.5%

**Total Acidity** 6.3g/L

**pH** 3.52



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