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Nightfall 'NORMA' Coonawarra Shiraz 2021



The Winery

Nightfall Wines are created to provide a feeling of luxury, style and exclusivity. An extremely limited series of wines, all sourced from single vineyard sites with a definitive sense of origin; a pure representation of the soil, the site and the stars. The concept for 'Nightfall' was born after a dinner with customers, winemaker Sam Brand, walked outside to find his clients all looking

up, mesmerised by the clarity and beauty of the night sky above Coonawarra. Having never seen the stars so vividly, his guests stood in awe and likened the stars to diamonds in the sky. The uniqueness of this moment, an experience shared and always remembered was the inspiration for Nightfall.

The Vineyard

The Shiraz vineyard is in the 'Glenroy' sub-region of Coonawarra, approximately 4 km North of the township. Sitting atop a limestone ridge at one of the higher elevations, the terra-rossa soil is very shallow, forcing the vines to dig deep roots into

the water table below. The more northerly setting also provides a slightly higher daily temperature improving flavour concentration in the Shiraz and robust tannins.

Sam Brand

4th Generation Winemaker

Sam Brand is a fourth generation winemaker from Coonawarra, South Australia. With an esteemed history stretching back over 120 years, the Brand family is synonymous with the famous Coonawarra region and is regarded as

one of the pioneers of the local industry. Whilst embracing his heritage, Sam Brand has forged his own path and leads from the forefront of the new generation of Coonawarra winemakers.

Nightfall

'NORMA' Coonawarra Shiraz 2021

Nightfall Wines are made with a clarity to reflect the stars that shine on a clear Coonawarra night. 'Norma' the constellation represents a 'right-angle, measure, or 'the standard' to which others are set. Regionality and personality shine through with a balance that belies the density and layers of flavours and tannins. Achieving this goal takes a very hands-on and detail-oriented approach in all aspects of the winemaking process. Preparation in the vineyards involves rigorous pruning and reduction of crop load,

resulting in greater flavour concentration. Using cultured yeasts, the fermentation process is undertaken in 10T open fermenters (pumped 3 times daily), and after primary and malolactic fermentation in barrel, the wines will be matured for a minimum 18 months in a blend of American and French oak. Following maturation, a process of barrel selection provides the base for the wine with only the top barrels being utilised for the final blend and meeting the quality for Nightfall.

The Vintage

The 2021 vintage was superb with almost perfect conditions in the lead-up to vintage. Mild conditions with a dry and warm summer

allowed perfect flowering through to versaison, with grapes reaching both flavour and sugar ripeness in mid March.

Coonawarra, South Australia.

Coonawarra has near perfect climatic attributes for grape and wine production. Located away from any major cities, between Melbourne and Adelaide, Coonawarra is also only 100 km from the southern coast. Nutrient rich red Terra-Rossa soils sit atop of a limestone base with a pure

underground aquifer, providing water only metres below the surface. Warm days and cool nights during ripening further concentrate the flavours leading into vintage allowing grapes to be picked at their optimum ripeness.

Tasting Notes

This dense wine is deep purple in colour with a bright cherry red hue. Perfumed aromas of ripe black plum and forest berries are overlaid with vanilla, cinnamon spice and toasted mocha notes.

The palate is intense, yet balanced with ripe black plum interlaced with ripe raspberry and cherry. Powerfully integrated tannins and acid hold the fruit and structure over a long finish.

Cellar	Up to 2030
Alcohol	14.5%
Allergens	Contains Preservative (Sulphur) and Egg products.
Food Match	Mayura Station Wagyu Beef Tomahawk

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