

HOWLING FROG

WINES

Shiraz Merlot Cabernet 2022

Coonawarra

Introduction: Expertly crafted by John Gledhill, Chief Winemaker at the Wine Innovation Cluster (WIC), South Australia, this bold and expressive blend bursts with character. Drawing on the 2022 season's vibrant fruit and refined tannins, this masterful mix of three classic Coonawarra varieties - Shiraz (43.9%), Merlot (29.2%), and Cabernet Sauvignon (26.9%) - delivers a rich, layered palate. Offering both elegance and depth this is a truly memorable expression of the season and the region.

Vintage characteristics: Coonawarra's 2022 vintage was strong, with stable conditions, high-quality fruit, and slightly below-average yields. The mild growing season, free of heatwaves, provided ideal ripening conditions. Cooler early spring temperatures were followed by a warm November, ensuring even fruit set. The Bonney Upwelling in February moderated temperatures, supporting vine health. Dry conditions led to small berries with thick skins, while occasional spring rain reduced irrigation needs. The vintage produced wines with firm acidity in whites and excellent fruit expression and tannins in reds. These wines have strong cellaring potential.

Tasting Notes: Blending of three classic Coonawarra varieties (Shiraz 43.9%, Merlot 29.2%, Cabernet Sauvignon 26.9%), this bold and expressive wine bursts with aromas of vibrant red and black berries, complemented by delicate hints of violet and a touch of green tomato leaf. Beneath the surface, notes of mocha and toasted oak add complexity. On the palate, the wine is lush and round, with ripe, rich berry sweetness that lingers. Fine, velvety tannins provide a structured backbone, ensuring a long and satisfying finish.

Wine Specifications:

Alcohol
14.5%

TA (Titratable Acidity)
6.73g/L

pH
3.49

Aging
24 months in new + seasoned extra fine-grain French & American oak