



Rosemount

Show Reserve Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2000

The Rosemount Show Reserve label is applied to wines that have been identified as having fine varietal and regional characteristics in early vineyard and barrel assessments. These wines are given extended maturation in our winery cellars before release.

In Australia, it is generally acknowledged that exceptionally fine cabernet sauvignons are grown in the Coonawarra region of South Australia. In the pursuit of quality red wines, Rosemount established a vineyard in Coonawarra in 1982 and named it Kirri Billi. Exclusively cabernet sauvignon, the Kirri Billi vineyard is located on the famed 'terra rossa' soil which combined with a cool climate provide the perfect conditions for producing exceptional red wines.

Regional Source

The fruit was harvested predominantly from our Kirri Billi vineyard in Coonawarra, with a small portion from adjoining 'terra rossa' vineyards.

Vintage Conditions

The Coonawarra experienced a very cool spring that, despite abundant rainfall, led to inconsistent flowering and lower than average yields. A hot, dry summer was handled well by Rosemount's well-established vineyards and ensured the grapes ripened perfectly. The low yields and ripe fruit resulted in an excellent crop with flavours similar to the stellar 1996 vintage.

Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon

Maturation

The juice was pumped over regularly to allow the maximum extraction of colour, tannin and fruit flavour. 10 days maceration allowed tannin polymerisation and malo-lactic fermentation. Matured in new and 2 year-old French and American oak for 24 months.

Winemaker Comments: Charles Whish



Colour

A deep, plum colour, almost opaque, with crimson highlights.



Nose

The nose is clearly expressive of variety and region with a basis of ripe, dark berry fruit defined by lifted mint, cassis and tobacco leaf. Oak maturation has provided cedar and vanillin characters that support the fruit aromas and add complexity.



Palate

Intense, high-quality fruit shines in a palate that provides the richness of perfectly ripe fruit and essential Coonawarra Cabernet character. Blackberry, cassis and chocolate flavours are entwined by fine-grained tannins, with well-integrated oak providing structure and sweet vanillin flavours. The wine has excellent mouth-feel and length and will gain complexity and character for many years.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.0%

Last Tasted

15 Jul 2002

Peak Drinking

Now - 2017

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Beef, Lamb, Cheese





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