

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



Regional Series

2019 Mr. Riggs Outpost Cabernet

The Regional Series wines pays homage to whence they came. The aim of all Mr. Riggs wines is to express the essence of the vineyards and varieties.

History

In making the wines he loves to make - and drink - the outcome is more so 'icon wines from icon regions' and in adding Cabernet Sauvignon to the Mr. Riggs portfolio, the illustrious Coonawarra region was an obvious first choice.

Vineyard

The 2019 Coonawarra Cabernet is supplied from the Wetherall vineyards located in the heart of the Coonawarra wine region. Supplied from the "Thomas" vineyard and the "Harrison" vineyard both named after Michael and Michelle Weatherall's children. The sites are located in the northern end of the region and are traditionally some of the earlier ripening blocks with low yields and excellent concentration.

Sited at 37 Degrees latitude, the Coonawarra region is 450 kilometres closer to the equator than Bordeaux. Generally, this area is flat: its maximum elevation just 58 metres above sea level. The variation, however, lies in the different soil depths ranging from red-brown clay loam to brown sand loam, all over limestone. The 2019 vintage in the Coonawarra was excellent. Good winter rains lead to a near perfect growing season. Summer across South Australia was hot and dry, but the underground water from winter mitigated any issues. Yields were on par with the long-term average and the Cabernet is showing deep, rich colour, soft ripe tannins and strong varietal flavours.

Wine

Picked on different days and from different blocks to allow for multiple blending options. Parcels of fruit for the Mr. Riggs 2018 "Outpost" Coonawarra Cabernet were separately fermented in 5 tonne open fermenters. The wine underwent on-skin fermentation for 7-10 days then pressed straight into oak to complete fermentation in a 30% new French and 5% American oak combination. This wine is intensely bright, floral and fragrant on the nose with lovely length on the palate. A perfectly balanced Cabernet, very worthy of its reputation.

Technical Details

pH:	3.43
TA:	6.96 g/L
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	29th May 2020
Production:	593 cases
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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