

LECONFIELD
COONAWARRA

2021 *Petit Verdot*



2021 Vintage

Colour: Full Red with crimson.

Bouquet: Fragrant and perfumed showing hints of mocha coffee to augment the perfumed nose overlaid with subtle fine oak

Palate: Full flavoured yet elegantly structured with fine chamois tannins, the palate of this wine has flavours of cherry plums with hints of spice.

Food Suggestions: Cassoulet, firm cheese

Cellaring Potential: This wine is very approachable at release, however has the structure to age beautifully over the next 5-8 years.



Technical Notes

Petit Verdot is only rarely released as a single variety and was originally planted on the Leconfield Coonawarra vineyards as a blending component for Cabernet Sauvignon. It is traditionally a late maturing variety and our tiny vineyard consists of only two rows. The fruit from 2021 was exceptionally good. Fermentation was in open fermenters and hand plunged thrice daily then pressed to French oak. Several rackings occurred during 16 months of aging, before the wine was prepared for bottling. Maturation has been in 5 year old barrels to allow the varietal expression of the wine to shine through.

Variety: Petit Verdot

Region: Coonawarra

Vine Age: 1994

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar at Picking: 13.7° Baumé

PH: 3.54

Acidity: 6.5gms/litre

Residual Sugar: 0.69 gms/litre

Malolactic: 100%

Yeast Type: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

Oak Treatment: 100% five year old French oak hogsheads

Background

Leconfield is situated in the heart of Australia's famous Coonawarra with its rich Terra Rosa soil over limestone providing the ideal environment for growing premium Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyard was founded in 1974 by pioneering oenologist Sydney Hamilton who at 76 years of age had the ambition to produce the classic Australian red wine. Today the estate remains a family wine business owned by Dr Richard and Jette Hamilton. The Hamilton family have been growing grapes and wine in Australia since 1837.

Winemakers: Paul Gordon & Greg Foster

Vintage Conditions

The 2021 Vintage in Coonawarra has the hallmarks of an incredible vintage, with superb conditions and fruit of outstanding quality and quantity being harvested. The season was mild with very stable weather conditions. The temperatures during the growing season were mild with only minor fluctuations and no major rainfall events. Dry conditions continued right through summer, and consequently, berries remained relatively small with thick skins. Coonawarra did receive several small rainfall events during the growing which was beneficial to the general vine health and soil moisture. These climatic conditions lead to long and steady increases in maturity levels, allowing winemakers to pick at optimum levels for ripeness and flavour.

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