

JACARANDA

— RIDGE —

2000 Jacaranda Ridge Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The cool climate Coonawarra region is found in the South East of South Australia. The 2000 growing season was relatively mild with below average rainfall. Spring rain encouraged healthy vine growth, however cool weather conditions in November led to poor fruit set, resulting in low yields throughout the region. A normal to hot summer followed by a mild and dry autumn ensured full flavour ripening could occur with low risk of disease to the fruit.

HARVEST DATE

April 6 and 7, 2000.

WINEMAKING

The grapes for the 2000 Jacaranda Ridge were sourced from the best Coonawarra vineyard sites available, picked at optimum flavour ripeness following numerous vineyard inspections by the winemakers. Grapes were kept separate from the individual vineyards selected and delivered promptly to the winery. After crushing and destemming into small fermenters each parcel was inoculated with a selected yeast culture.

Fermentation was at controlled temperatures, completing after 19 days. This time on skins maximised the colour and flavour expression whilst extracting fine, textural tannins. Upon draining and pressing, the winemakers select the fractions of wine that exhibit the greatest depth of flavour and ripe tannins for inclusion in the 2000 Jacaranda Ridge.

These selected wine parcels were aged separately in new French oak hogsheads for up to 22 months. Prior to assembling the final blend, tasting of each individual barrel is carried out to select the finest quality. The blend is bottled unfiltered to ensure maximum flavour intensity.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.8% alc/vol

Total Acid: 6.3g/L

pH: 3.44

BOTTLING DATE

July 8, 2002.

COLOUR

Deep crimson red.

BOUQUET

Youthful and intensely varietal. Dense blackcurrant, mint chocolate and tobacco leaf complexed with toasty spice cedar oak.

PALATE

Concentrated cassis and blackberry fruit intertwined with dark chocolate and oak derived spice. The palate is supported by powerful textured grape and oak tannins that lead to a long balanced finish to savour.

ASSESSMENT

An outstanding Coonawarra cabernet sauvignon of great power combined with incredible structure and finesse. The 2000 is starting to show some bottle development and if correctly cellared will continue to complex and reward over a minimum of 20 years.





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Accolades and Reviews

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Gold Medal	2006 National Wine Show of Australia	Class 36
Gold Medal	2006 Limestone Coast Wine Show	Class 27
Gold Medal	2005 National Wine Show of Australia	Class 27

REVIEWS

Deep, chalky soil gives Coonawarra reds a wondrous thrust of acidity that enlivens the wines as they age. This is starting to show the benefits of bottle age and regional character with warm, soft flavours of berry compote and cigar-box character.

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