

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



Regional Series

2016 Mr. Riggs Outpost Cabernet

The Regional Series is all about paying homage to whence they came. After all, the aim of all Mr. Riggs wines is to express the essence of the vineyard 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 2016 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 2016 vintage was an early one with full ripeness and maturity reached slightly ahead of what is considered normal with limited supplementary irrigation used. It is for this reason that the Coonawarra is considered one of the greatest red wine producing regions of Australia.

Wine

Picked on different days and from different blocks to allow for multiple blending options. Parcels of fruit for the Mr. Riggs 2016 "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:	3.41
Acid:	6.79
Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Bottling date:	1st June 2017
Production:	1012 cases
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