

WYNNS NEW RELEASES

The brilliance of this small selection of wines is testimony to the outstanding vineyard work of the Wynns team over the past couple of decades. Winemakers Sue Hodder and Sarah Pidgeon have earned world-wide respect for a succession of exceptional red wines, but their efforts in the winery are based on the total commitment to quality of Allen Jenkins in the vineyard.

Vintage 2018 was an exceptional one in Coonawarra, and slow ripening was a key quality feature. Grapes were picked on the long-term average, and these conditions allowed the Wynns vineyards to shine, as demonstrated by these five wines.

2018 Wynns Black Label Old Vines Coonawarra Shiraz Super-fine tannins and “sweet” blackberry fruit make this wine deliciously drinkable. However the depth of flavour and underlying acidity guarantee successful cellaring. Drink now and cellar. What more could you want? (\$38.00) ★★★★★

15 months in French oak (86% hogsheads, 14% barriques). 19% new.

https://www.danmurphys.com.au/product/DM_120078/wynns-black-label-shiraz-2018



2018 Wynns V & A Lane Coonawarra Shiraz This wine is, quite simply, a triumph. It's one of the most exciting young shiraz I've tasted recently, and reflects perfect viticulture together with creativity in the winery. The grapes were picked perfectly ripe, but the alcohol level of the finished wine is only 13.0%. A significant proportion of whole bunches was used in the ferment, imparting a subtle stemmy complexity to the spicy red berry nose. The tannins are almost unbelievably fine-grained, helping create the silkiest of palates finished off by perfectly integrated oak. A brilliant cool climate shiraz. (\$58.00) ★★★★★

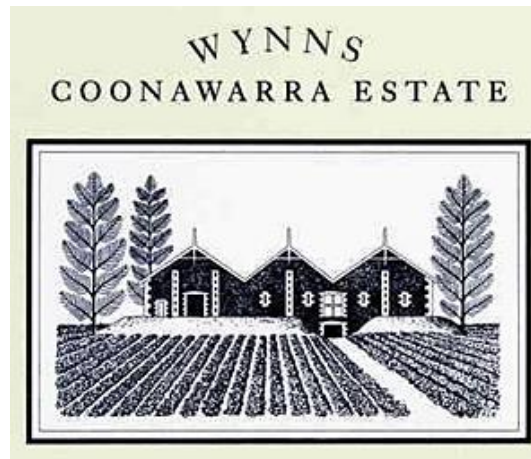
13 months in French puncheons. 13% new.

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2018 Wynns V & A Lane Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz The blackcurrant of cabernet is enhanced by the blackberry, pepper and spice of shiraz. A long-flavoured red of considerable finesse, with fine, lingering tannins. (\$58.00) ★★★★★

Cabernet sauvignon 72%, shiraz 28% co-fermented. 14 months in new French puncheons (20%) and 1-3 year old French hogsheads (80%).

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2018 Wynns Black Label Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon This vintage could be the best of a long, illustrious line. The nose is classically cabernet, showing powerful blackcurrant aromas typical of perfectly ripened grapes. A whisper of oak adds an extra dimension. “Juicy” sweet fruit floods the palate, balanced by fine persistent tannins. A steal at this price. (\$33.00) ★★★★★

14 months in French oak, predominantly hogsheads - 21% new.

<https://www.winestar.com.au/wynns-coonawarra-black-label-cabernet-sauvignon-20>

2018 Wynns Harold Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon This is quite different to the Black Label, but equal in quality. It leans more to Bordeaux, combining blackcurrant and tobacco leaf aromas, supported by high quality oak. The palate is long, fine and firm. (\$80.00) ★★★★★

16 months in French hogsheads – 30% new.

<https://www.wynns.com.au/en-au/wine/wynnsday-2020/>

Do try at least one or two of these outstanding wines. They do Australia proud, and demonstrate just how good Coonawarra reds can be.

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