



PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE 2019 Coonawarra Rosé

This 2019 Rosé is a refreshing crisp style made from Merlot grapes off our Coonawarra vineyard. Bright fruit notes of guava, strawberry and raspberry fill the palate with a lively sherbet like acid line. A wine to be enjoyed chilled in the sunshine.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

VINTAGE

The cool early season conditions in Coonawarra led to low yields of Cabernet Sauvignon but Merlot yielded well. The long slow ripening period in March and April led to the longest 'hang time' for many years and both our red varieties developed great colour and flavor on the vine with excellent tannin ripening. The resulting wines have very good natural acidity and lively flavor and balance. We expect 2019 to turn out to be an excellent vintage.

VINEYARD

The soils of Coonawarra consist of thin dark brown to dark grey clays interspersed with broken limestone fragments. The shallow soil overlies soft crumbly limestone at depths of as little as 10cm so that the vines effectively grow in limestone rock. The shallow soils restrict vigour & this, coupled with rigorous canopy management, allows us to control berry size and bunch numbers & thus eventual crop load. This control of crop level and berry size gives our winemakers the best possible starting material with which to create premium red wines.

APPELLATION / GI

Coonawarra (South Australia) 100%,

WINEMAKING

This block was machine harvested and pressed off skins immediately on arrival to the winery. The resulting juice was cold settled clear before being inoculated with an aromatic yeast strain. Following ferment the wine spent two months on lees to build mid palate texture before being stabilised and prepared for bottling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Merlot (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	06/2019
PH:	3.08
TA:	6.6 g/l
ALC/VOL:	13.5%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.0

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Pale pink with no hint of salmon, the wine built on estate-grown merlot. It throbs with red berries - strawberry, raspberry and pomegranate, each reaching out to meet at the centre of the palate. This is merlot that delivers real pleasure.