



# PEPPER TREE

LIMITED RELEASE

2023 Coonawarra Merlot Rosé

A refreshing crisp wine style made from Merlot grapes off our Coonawarra vineyard. Rich strawberry and cream with notes of guava are abundant on the palate with a lively sherbet like acid line and texture that completes the finish. A wine to be enjoyed chilled in the sunshine.

## VINTAGE

The 2023 Coonawarra growing season began with relatively warm conditions and low rainfall. This made for a positive transition following the cooler temperatures of Spring. The resulting bunch-set was positive, with healthy canopies and good crop development. As vintage progressed conditions began to cool again, which did indeed slow down the ripening process. This was fact beneficial in allowing for gradual, consistent flavour development. While the eventual harvesting of fruit was slightly later than other recent vintages, adaptation and quick decision-making have rewarded us with wines of character and balance.

## 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 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
BOTTLING DATE:	08/2023
PH:	3.08
TA:	7.1 g/l
ALC/VOL:	12.7%
STANDARD DRINKS:	7.5



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