



HOLLICK

Coonawarra

2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

The 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot marks the 18th vintage of this wine for Hollick. The wine's quality and consistency has firmly established it as "the expression of Coonawarra".

The 2003 vintage produced below average yields in line with the previous vintage. Summer was cooler than average and dry, followed by a fine autumn without significant precipitation. The fruit ripened up to two weeks ahead of the long term average and showed good ripeness and excellent colours. The 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot stands as a testament to the philosophy that "great wines are made in the vineyard".

In the winery, the grapes were handled carefully to retain the intense fruit flavours developed in the vineyard. Partial barrel fermentation followed by 18 months maturation in a combination of French and American oak has given the 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot an elegant structure and a long finish on the palate.

Composition: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot

Colour: Bright ruby red with purple hues at the rim.

Aromas: The wine delivers pure varietal Cabernet Sauvignon aromas of blackcurrants, black cherries and a touch of mint. The Merlot influence contributes some sweet plum aromas.

Flavours: This is a wine of exquisite balance. An abundance of ripe berry fruit flavours are counterbalanced by fine tannins and integrated oak, giving the wine persistence and suppleness on the palate.

The wine is very approachable on release, but 7 years plus in a good cellar will be amply rewarded. Our chef recommends a Lamb pie, slow cooked in cabernet with swiss brown mushrooms.

Technical Details

Alc/Vol	13.5%
pH	3.33
Total Acidity	7.13g/l
Bottled	March, 2005



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750 ML