



HOLLICK

Coonawarra

1998 Ravenswood

Coonawarra is acknowledged globally as being one of the best regions in the world for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The long cool growing seasons and the rich terra rossa soils over limestone allow the fruit to develop and ripen slowly. The resultant wines display extraordinary concentration of flavour and varietal purity. Each vintage the Hollick team sets out to create RAVENSWOOD as their “Expression of Coonawarra”. First vintaged in 1988, RAVENSWOOD is only released when the wine satisfies the very exacting quality parameters set by the Hollick team. RAVENSWOOD is indeed the epitome of Coonawarra.

1998 will be long remembered as one of the greatest vintages that Coonawarra has seen. The growing season was typically long and cool, extending into early May with the absence of rain. The best parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Hollick vineyards are earmarked for RAVENSWOOD. Experience tells us that this fruit typically comes from the oldest vines growing in very shallow terra rossa soil. The grapes were picked when they had achieved maximum flavour development and balanced natural acidity. Once in the winery the utmost care was taken to retain the fruit characters developed in the vineyard. Fermentation was commenced in stainless steel tanks and finished in new French Oak barriques to promote greater integration of oak flavours. The wine was then matured for a further 18 months in these barrels.

The 1998 RAVENSWOOD is a wine of genuine class and structure showing great depth and length of fruit flavour integrated with fine grained tannins. The wine exudes aromas and flavours of blackcurrants, berries and violets, and integrated cedary oak nuances. The nature of the vintage and the established track record of this wine suggest cellaring for 10-15 years would be beneficial.

Technical Details

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| Alc/Vol | 14.1 % |
| Total Acidity | 6.7 g/l |
| pH | 3.47 |
| Bottling Date | March 2000 |

