

2010 First Growth

PARKER
COONAWARRA
ESTATE

First Growth is only produced when the growing season is showing exceptional fruit quality and a particular vintage is deemed to have extended aging potential.

Viticulture

The terra rossa over limestone soils of southern Coonawarra have long been a much sought-after location to grow the finest of red grape varieties; the extended ripening period in this area provides wonderful fruit expression, depth and complexity.

Our Abbey estate vineyard is located on this brilliant strip of soil and is predominantly planted to Reynella Selection clone Cabernet Sauvignon - original cuttings from Bordeaux. These vines, planted in 1985, are the backbone of our First Growth, with a small pocket of estate grown Petit Verdot included in the final 2010 blend.

Winemaking

Following hand picking in April 2010, fruit for the First Growth was fermented in 8 tonne static fermenters with parcels undergoing extended maceration time to increase tannin structure and further the aging potential. After 35 days on skins the wine was pressed to a prestigious selection of new chateau Barriques, sourced from renowned Bordeaux cooperages Seguin Moreau and Taransaud.

Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel, with further elevage in oak for 21 months where the fine grained tannins created a tightly structured wine with the potential to continue to improve in bottle for a period in excess of 20 years.

Blend composition: 96.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.3% Petit Verdot

Tasting Notes

Colour: A deep brooding red with a dense, dark core

Aroma: A complex nose showing cassis and dark fruits, briar, dark chocolate and fresh leather.

Palate: Powerful and intense expression of Coonawarra Cabernet in its first flush of youth. Tightly wound tannins support the fruit flavours, and promise a long life ahead

Analysis

ALC	14.6%	TA	6.8 g/L
PH	3.51	RS	0.66 g/L
OTHER	Vegan		

