

YALUMBA

The Menzies Coonawarra Merlot 2002

Established in 1975, The Menzies Vineyard is planted predominantly to Cabernet Sauvignon with small parcels of Shiraz and Merlot. Today, the Vineyard also comprises the environmentally focused Menzies Wine Room and native revegetation area. The Menzies Vineyard wines are wines of distinction that exemplify the best of this internationally renowned region.



WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The season leading up to the 2002 vintage was cool and wet with above average rainfall across the south east of South Australia. The wet conditions during flowering reduced fruit set considerably with fewer berries per bunch than normal across all varieties and in particular red grapes. The positive of low yields was enhanced colour and fruit concentration.

Yalumba The Menzies Coonawarra Merlot 2002 is medium depth, garnet red. The wine has a full fruit attack with red currants, bouquet garni and a fine spiciness from the French oak. The palate is quite supple being medium bodied with savoury fruit and anise flavours. The mid palate is succulent, long and finishes with soft velvety tannins.

WINEMAKER PROFILE

Peter Gambetta joined the Yalumba Winemaking team as Yalumba Senior Red Winemaker in July 2002 and is responsible for making Yalumba's premium red wines from the Limestone Coast including Yalumba's esteemed single vineyard wine - The Menzies Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon. Peter's outstanding red winemaking experience and skills, combined with his intimate understanding of the premium wine-growing regions of Coonawarra and Wrattenbully, acquired through nearly 20 years of work in the Limestone Coast, have made him an invaluable asset to Yalumba.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2002
Region	Coonawarra
Winemaker	Peter Gambetta
Harvested	13th & 23rd April 2002
Treatment	Matured for 11 months in new French oak barriques (50%), balance in one year old French oak barriques.
Alc/Vol	14%
Total Acid	6.6 g/L
pH	3.36
Cellaring	Enjoy now and over the next three years.

