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Terra Rossa Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Coonawarra, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The **Parker Coonawarra Terra Rossa Cabernet Sauvignon** is sourced from eight individual blocks within the **Parker Estate 'Abbey' vineyard** in Southern Coonawarra. The Coonawarra region, located in South Australia, is renowned for its unique **Terra Rossa soils**—a vivid red soil rich in iron oxide over limestone, which provides excellent drainage and contributes to the distinctive character of the wines produced here.

The microclimate of Southern Coonawarra features **warm days and cool nights**, which extend the ripening period of the grapes. This prolonged maturation enhances the fruit density and tightens the tannin structure, resulting in wines with exceptional balance and longevity. The combination of these geological and climatic factors makes Coonawarra one of the premier regions for growing Cabernet Sauvignon.

Winemaking

The grapes for the Terra Rossa Cabernet Sauvignon were fermented in **closed-top fermenters** for 13 days. Approximately 10% of the parcels underwent an extended maceration of 30 days to further develop flavor complexity and cellaring potential. After fermentation, all parcels completed **malolactic fermentation in stainless steel** tanks before being transferred to French oak barriques (40% new) from Saury and Taransaud cooperages for an average of 12 months maturation.

This meticulous winemaking process ensures that the wine captures the full expression of the terroir while developing a refined and elegant structure. The use of high-quality oak barrels adds layers of complexity and subtle oak nuances without overpowering the fruit.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Dark scarlet with purple hues.
- **Aroma**: Aromas of dried herbs and sage with bramble and blackcurrant, complemented by red fruit notes of pomegranate and cranberry, and hints of nutmeg and clove.
- **Palate**: Intense and vibrant on the front palate, showcasing black fruits, sarsaparilla, and clove. The mid-palate is full and balanced with fine, silky tannins and flavors of mocha and umami.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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Did you know?

The Terra Rossa soils of Coonawarra are among the most famous wine-producing soils in the world. This unique soil, combined with the region's ideal ripening conditions, has earned Coonawarra a reputation as one of Australia's top regions for Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Beef Wellington**: The rich, savory flavors of this classic dish complement the wine's intense black fruit and subtle spice notes .
- **Lamb do Piaza**: A flavorful Indian curry with lamb, fried and raw onion, which pairs beautifully with the wine’s complex spice and tannin structure .
- **Duck Breast with Cherry Reduction**: The sweet and tangy cherry sauce enhances the wine's berry flavors and balanced acidity .
- **Aged Gouda**: The nutty, sharp flavors of aged Gouda highlight the wine's vibrant acidity and fine tannins .

Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2020)

The 2020 Terra Rossa Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and leafy on the nose, with a distinct cardamom pod/turmeric/saffron spice edge to the purple fruit. There is loads of purple fruit flavor and an overall dusty/earthy vibe to the wine. This will bring plenty of satisfaction to those chasing an authentic mid-week Coonawarra hit.