

PARKER

ESTATE



“Our philosophy is to uphold John Parker’s vision, focusing on the core elements that make Parker Estate superior. The most appropriate grape varieties and selections, grown on the best soils in the best locations to make the best possible wines from this exceptional growing region.”

- Andrew Hardy, Chief Winemaker

Background

John & Faye Parker established Parker Estate in 1985, planting the Abbey Vineyard with Reynell Selection Cabernet vines. These are original vines sourced from Bordeaux in the 1800's, before they were lost to France forever due to phylloxera.

Over the journey of four decades of 'winemaking without compromise', Parker Estate has achieved numerous wine show medals, trophies and accolade, including the top Five Red Star rating by James Halliday.

Parker Estate 'First Growth' is also entered in the Langton's Classification of Australian Wine as 'Excellent', enshrining the marque in the top tier of Australian winemaking.

History, Cool Climate & Sacred Geology

Considered the founder of Coonawarra as a wine-growing region, John Riddoch began planting Shiraz, Cabernet and Pinot Noir vines in 1891, based on the recommendation of his friend and renowned viticulturist Thomas Hardy, great-great-grandfather of Parker Estate Chief Winemaker Andrew Hardy.

One of Australia's first and finest cool-climate wine growing regions, the maritime influence of the Southern Ocean exposes the district to even greater cooling due to the seasonal upwelling of dark blue water streams from Antarctica. At 1492 Growing Degree Days (GDD) Coonawarra is slightly cooler than Bordeaux, and significantly more so than the Napa Valley and Margaret River regions.

Above all, Coonawarra is known for its 27km long and 2km wide cigar-shaped outcrop of ancient Terra Rossa soils which rest over a hard limestone cap. Below this lies an aquifer which was once an ancient seabed. Today the combination of the aquifer, cool-climate and free draining Terra Rossa soils make this unique location ideal for the highest standards of wine-growing.



(L-R) Bill Redman, John Parker & Des Corcoran c.1975



Keeda Zilm & Andrew Hardy with Viticulturist Brett Williams.

Special Releases



First Growth

First Growth is only crafted in years when the growing season produces exceptional fruit quality, and when a particular vintage is deemed to have ageing potential beyond 15 years. Grown from Cabernet Sauvignon from our 'Abbey' vineyard, it is humbled to be Langton's Classified and to achieve benchmark scores from Australian and international critics.



95 Block

The 95 Block sub-section of our 'Abbey' vineyard is planted to Reynell selection Cabernet Sauvignon and a small section of Petit Verdot which are co-fermented each vintage to provide aromatic lift, and a plush, rich palate. 95 Block is an excellent expression of the Parker style and has established an exceptional reputation since it's first release in 2012.



Kidman Block Shiraz

This single block Shiraz is crafted to the highest standards, utilising fruit from one of Coonawarra's most outstanding Shiraz vineyards. It epitomises the purity and elegance of cool-climate Coonawarra and confidently shows the potential for premium cool-climate Shiraz in the region.



Small Batch Wines (SBW)

Each vintage, our team has the privilege of working with an incredible array of fruit from several premier regions across South Australia. The SBW range allows for experimentation with variety, region and vineyard combinations to create unique and exciting limited release wines.

Terra Rossa

The marriage of Coonawarra's Terra Rossa over limestone soils, with Bordeaux varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, has produced some of Australia's greatest and longest living wines. Wines released under the 'Terra Rossa' classification are made exclusively from fruit grown on the rich red soils of this famous strip and show wonderful fruit expression, complexity and elegance.



Cabernet Sauvignon

Made from various sub-sections of our 'Abbey' vineyard, Terra Rossa Cabernet Sauvignon reflects our stylistic approach to creating exceptionally balanced, fruitful and structured Cabernet from the rich soils of the region.



Shiraz

This intensely flavoured, cool-climate Shiraz is made from fruit grown at the northern end of the Terra Rossa strip where the unique micro-climate promotes earlier ripening and bold flavours balanced with beautiful natural acidity.



Merlot

Our Merlot is sourced from a single 1.5Ha block that highlights the unparalleled benefits of vine maturity. A wine of exceptional quality and depth of flavour, Terra Rossa Merlot is made in limited quantities and only released when the vintages is deemed to be outstanding.

Cool-Climate

Coonawarra is one of Australia's first and finest cool-climate wine growing regions. These conditions ensure an extended ripening season for the development of intense flavours and retention of natural acidity.



Mt Gambier Pinot Noir

With fruit drawn from the cool-climate of Mt Gambier, this Pinot Noir shows superb vibrance and elegance. Fermentation and maturation in French oak highlights the nuance and spice that the variety and region conspire to unveil.



Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon

Outstanding fruit quality, the finest French oak and extended maceration delivers a finely structured and full-flavoured wine that highlights the style and quality of Coonawarra Cabernet.



Coonawarra Shiraz

Combining significant winemaking experience, exceptional fruit quality and the varietal character of cool-climate Shiraz, this wine shows restraint and approachability that contrasts beautifully with warm climate regional styles.



Coonawarra Chardonnay

Outstanding fruit quality, new French oak and wild yeast fermentation delivers a finely structured and full-flavoured Chardonnay, showing the incredible potential for Coonawarra as Australia's next great Chardonnay region.

Estate

The Estate range of wines are the entry level of the Parker Estate portfolio. They are made in an approachable, fruit-driven and drink-now style for exceptional daily drinking.



Cabernet Sauvignon



Shiraz



Chardonnay

Gin

Our range of London Dry Gins have been developed by the Parker winemaking team and distiller Darin Kinzie. Purposeful use of botanicals and an infusion of Parker Estate wines complements the classic styles and simple serving suggestion of tonic and citrus.



Cabernet Gin



Rosé Gin



Signature Dry Gin

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