



Coonawarra

Katnook Estate 1996 Odyssey

Colour: Deep garnet red with deep purple edge.

Nose: A sophisticated array of rich earthy fruit and oak matured tones. There are ripe berry and dusty mulberry fruit aromas, with hints of liquorice, chocolate/mocha and cedar notes from extended oak maturation.

Palate: A concentrated, layered palate structure of rich fruit and oak maturation flavours. Ripe berries, hints of liquorice, and dusty fruit flavours have blended seamlessly with the sweet vanilla from French oak and mocha characters from the long oak maturation period. A firm slightly chalky tannin structure extends the intense lingering finish.

Oak Maturation:

Matured for 38 months in small, mostly new French barriques.
Bottled August 1999.

Specifications:

Grape Variety:	Cabernet Sauvignon
Region:	Coonawarra
Harvest:	Late April
pH:	3.4
Acidity:	6.9 gms/L
Alc/vol:	14.3%

Comments

The 1996 Coonawarra vintage was in many ways similar to 1995 vintage. Spring was a continuation of very cool temperatures and well below average rainfall months. Harvest of Cabernet Sauvignon was delayed until late April due to the cool dry season. The fruit was harvested near optimum flavours producing a wine that has rich varietal definition and good depth of flavours that will age for 15 to 20 yrs.

Winemaker: Wayne Stehbens