

ZEMA

ESTATE

2016 SALUTI

To celebrate 40 years of Zema Estate, our commemorative 2016 Saluti Cabernet and Shiraz blend, represents the best attributes of both these classic Coonawarra varieties. Saluti celebrates and honours the Zema family's history and winemaking achievements while embracing our commitment to the future. Only produced in exceptional vintages - Saluti is available in limited release.

GRAPE VARIETY

72% Cabernet Sauvignon
28% Shiraz

COLOUR

Deep intense red.

AROMA

Dark and sumptuous nose delivering the best of both worlds, with varietal notes from both varieties on display. Blackcurrant, spice, leather and savoury tones and wonderfully integrated oak.

PALATE

An intense yet elegant palate filled with black and red berry flavours from both parts of the blend. Full and rich, with firm acidity with silky delicate tannins.

VITICULTURE

Coonawarra is renowned for its remarkable 'terra rossa' soil, a thin one metre band of soil over laying a deep formation of limestone. The Zema family is proudly traditional in its approach to vineyard practices, favouring hand pruning and limited irrigation to maximise fruit quality. These practices are enhanced by the family's three strategically selected prime vineyard locations, capitalising on the region's subtle climatic variations.

WINEMAKING

After 12-months of maturation a selection of barrels were taken from the finest batches of the 2016 vintage to craft this wine, the balance being found with a Cabernet dominant blend. Further maturation was then completed in new and used French and American hogsheads for an additional 14-months before final blending and bottling.

WINEMAKER

Joe Cory

COMPLIMENTARY FOOD

Roast Beef, Slow Cooked Lamb Shanks, Venison.

CELLARING

Well-structured with outstanding depth of fruit, this wine while drinking well now will continue to gain complexity and offers excellent cellaring potential of 10-15 years.

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The Zema family has been consistently producing exceptional hand-crafted Coonawarra wines since 1982. All Zema Estate wines are Estate grown and vintaged.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc /Vol 14.5%
pH 3.58
Acidity 7.2g/litre



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WINE REVIEW

2016 Saluti Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz

Deep, youthful and brooding red with good purple tints, the bouquet reserved and shy with beautifully ripe black fruits and classy oak touches.

The wine is very concentrated, full-bodied and ample on the tongue, filling the senses with rich ripe cabernet flavour, abundant soft tannins and fleshy texture.

The aftertaste lingers on a very long time. A very impressive wine and totally appropriate to commemorate an anniversary.

RATING

96

Huon Hooke, The Real Review, 16 October 2022

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WINE REVIEW

2016 Saluti Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz

The Zema family tend to keep things low key and usually let the wines speak for themselves. They are, however, celebrating their fortieth anniversary and have released this wine to commemorate the milestone.

A blend of 72% Cabernet and 28% Shiraz, the final wine is a barrel selection, made after the wines had spent an initial 12 months maturing, of their very best from a very fine vintage. The new blend then spent another 14 months in a mix of new and used French and American hogsheads. 'Saluti' is only made when the occasion demands and the vintage is sufficiently excellent.

This is a near opaque magenta in colour, finely crafted, with notes of spices, dark fruits, bay leaves, tobacco, leather, black fruits, cloves, coffee beans, sandalwood and mocha plus finely integrated oak. The structure is tight, with fine tannins and plenty of them. Very good length, it has at least a decade or more ahead of it.

A most worthy way to celebrate such a significant milestone.

RATING

94

Winepilot, Ken Gargett, October 2022

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WINE REVIEW

2016 Saluti Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz

Tasted: Aug22
Alcohol: 14.5%
Closure: Screwcap
Drink: 2024 - 2036+

Oak integration is excellent here. This is a voluptuous expression of this famous blend but, even so, the structure of cabernet adds both drama and shape and the overall quality of the fruit has it all drawing impressively out through the finish.

This is a wine with a long life ahead of it. Black olives and blackcurrant, mint and saltbush, cedarwood and smoky vanillin characters all contribute grandly here. It's all essentially primary but this is just hitting its stride now, with everything integrated and ready.

RATING

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Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront, 2022

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WINE REVIEW

2016 Saluti Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz

Variety: Cabernet Shiraz

Region: Coonawarra

Drink by: 2034

Date tasted: 15 Jan 2021

Alcohol: 14.5%

Sweet, cedary oak is still upfront but as this is built for ageing, it should become merely a stitch in the overall tapestry, given time. Black fruit, savoury mostly, with roasted hazelnuts and dark chocolate. Full bodied, dense across the palate, a richness too, before the grip of the tannins take hold.

RATING

93

James Halliday Wine Companion 2022