

ZEMA

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2018 SHIRAZ

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Coonawarra Shiraz.

COLOUR

Deep purple/red.

AROMA

Spice, pepper, and a hint of leather with red fruits shining through.

PALATE

Full and rich. Savoury notes of olive and spice with attractive supporting oak in the background. Silky tannin produces a moreish finish.

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 regions subtle climatic variations.

WINEMAKING

This wine was made from fruit which was harvested at its optimum maturity, then fermented for 7 days under controlled temperatures in a combination of rotary and static fermenters. Maturation for 15 months in French and American oak Hogshead barrels has assisted in the development of a wine that shows vibrancy and richness.

WINEMAKER

Joe Cory

COMPLIMENTARY FOOD

Roast Beef, Pasta, Dark Chocolate.

CELLARING

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

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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 7.3g/litre



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WINE REVIEW

Zema Estate Coonawarra Shiraz 2018

Tasted: Aug 2022
Alcohol: 14.5%
Closure: Screwcap
Drink: 2022 - 2029+

Coonawarra shiraz meets French and American oak. Released as a four-year-old. New label design too.

Medium-weight red with both oak and fruit in a good place. Toast, vanilla and black cherry flavours edge into raspberry, pepper, mint and assorted fragrant herbs. Freshness, even as a four-year-old, remains a primary trait of this wine, as does neatness. It feels compact and contained, in a positive way. Value is pretty good here.

RATING

91 POINTS

Campbell Mattinson, Winefront, 2022

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Region: Coonawarra

Alcohol: 14.5%

Drink by: 2028

Closure: Screwcap

Released with 4 years under its belt yet fresh as can be. The oak has fallen into place, adding extra oomph on the palate. Full bodied with ample tannins. It's in a good place: fruit is still in the mix yet savouriness abounds.

RATING

90 POINTS

James Halliday Wine Companion 2022.
Published 13 August 2021.

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WINE REVIEW

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Cabernet may rule in Coonawarra but never forget that the reputation of this region was originally established on the back of great Shiraz.

The fruit was fermented in a mix of rotary and static fermenters for a week and then spent 15 months maturing in a combination of French and American hogsheads. The wine has the advantage of four years before release, between the time spent ageing in barrel and in the cellar. Despite all that time, this is the most raw and rustic of the current reds. Dark maroon, there are animal skin notes, dark berries, dry herbs, red cherries, fleshy notes and hints of charcuterie with grip and concentration.

It is mid-length and finishes with firm tannins. Good acidity carries the wine and will contribute to its longevity. Four to six years to start, but it has the potential to go much longer and will certainly rate a higher score in time.

Good value for a wine with such a future.

RATING

90 POINTS

Ken Gargett, Winepilot, October 2022