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## WINE REVIEW

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### Zema Estate Coonawarra Sparkling Merlot 2018

Zema Estate have a new wine in their line-up. Their Sparkling Merlot 2018 (\$35), from Coonawarra, spent 18 months in French oak before its was made into this sparkling style. The 'dosage' was a little dollop of a vintage port, an old trick but a very effective one.

The result is a thoroughly enjoyable wine. Inky purple with notes of mulberries, florals, black cherries and old leather. Plush and soft with some sweetness on the finish and notes of cassis. Good length.

To be perfectly honest, a sparkling Merlot from Coonawarra did not inspire any great expectations, but this wine has more than exceeded them.

RATING

**90**

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