



2023 SONGBIRD CABERNET

Songbird Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from Estate Grown fruit and combines freshness and aromatic lift with classic Cabernet structure. Songbird refers to the huge range of birds that we have in the Coriole gardens, vineyards and native scrublands.

Tasting note

The 2023 Coriole Songbird Cabernet is highly aromatic, with aromas of mulberry, blackcurrant, plum and dark chocolate. The palate has lovely generosity and crunchy textural tannins, showing flavours of cassis, red berries, boysenberry and dark cherry. This is a bright, playful and modern cabernet which will remain fresh in the bottle for some time.

Serving suggestion

Persian cuisine will make this Songbird sing. Accompany your favourite BBQ meat with a roast beetroot salad with date, walnut, Woodside goat chèvre and pomegranate molasses.

Winemaker says

The name "Songbird" suits this regal yet pretty wine. A great example of what McLaren Vale can do with the often under rated Cabernet Sauvignon. Open fermented in 3-4T batches, gentle hand plunging gives subtle extraction of the classic Cabernet tannins and structure. An approachable wine that will still reward the connoisseur.

Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.1%

Total acidity: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.62

GF: 0.6 g/L

2023 vintage

The 2023 vintage will be remembered for the La Niña conditions, particularly the wet and cool conditions which dominated spring 2022. We had a late start to 2023 with the first reds picked in March. Naturally moderate yields and careful management mitigated any disease pressure resulting in clean, healthy fruit at harvest. Yields were looking low across most varieties with fiano, sangiovese and shiraz all coming in lower than average. Across the board, the 2023 red wines feature bright fruit characters with good length and ripeness of tannin.

