Wynnsday 2016 Collection celebrates two contrasting vintages

The 2016 Wynnsday collection features six wines that proudly showcase the Wynns ‘house-style’ from two contrasting vintages.

Available from Wednesday 3 August, the 2016 Wynnsday collection includes:

- Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 RRP $44.99
- V&A Lane Shiraz 2014 RRP $59.99
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- Harold Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 RRP $79.99
- Michael Shiraz 2013 $149.99 RRP
- John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 $149.99 RRP

Wynns winemaker Sue Hodder says the 2016 collection perfectly depicts the Wynns style, the vintage conditions and the character of great terra rossa.

“In 2013 we chose several of our older, and beloved, classic terra rossa soil vineyards for our John Riddoch, Michael and Single Vineyard wines. It is pleasing to acknowledge these special parcels from a great year. Good ripening conditions after a wet winter, resulted in wines with fine but abundant tannins.

“In contrast, the very wet winter and slightly above average summer temperatures of 2014 combined with very low yields. The 2014 Black Label Shiraz and Cabernet and also the two V and A Lane Wines are by comparison, more linear and medium bodied” she adds.

Wynns viticulturist Allen Jenkins reflects on the two contrasting vintages that make up the 2016 Wynnsday collection

“Vintage 2014 was ‘classic’ Coonawarra, with lower yields and good quality arising from the long cool ripening post veraison; the resulting wines are finely structured and medium bodied. Our 2013 vintage saw even and long ripening, with low rainfall and moderate yields delivering full fruit flavours and balanced acidity” he says.

The 2016 Wynnsday Collection is available from Wednesday 3 August 2016 from fine wine retailers.

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Technical notes

Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Variety 100% Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon.

Maturation Matured for 14 months in a mixture of new and older French oak barriques, hogsheads and vats. 18% new oak, remainder in 1-4 year old oak.

Colour A densely coloured wine with an attractive purple edge

Nose Blackberry, dark cherry and black olive notes are further complexed by liquorice, violets and tobacco. Classy oak contributes cigarbox nuances.

Palate The rich dark palate is filled with blackberry and black olive. Classic supple, powdery tannins and balanced acidity, frame the dense core of fruit creating a beautifully balanced wine. Refined French oak supports the pristine fruit ensuring the wine finishes with poise, balance and seamless length.

Alcohol 13.5%

V&A Lane Shiraz 2014

Variety 100% Coonawarra Shiraz from the V&A Lane

Maturation 14 months in two and four year old French hogsheads and barriques

Colour Bright crimson hue

Nose Lifted aromas of blueberries, dusty cacao, sweet and sour pastry, layered by hints of fresh tar and black rose.

Palate Crunchy wild cranberries and bright blueberries are reigned in with layers of savoury stalks, pastry and hints of spice. Silky tannin add depth and tone, guiding the essence of the fruit through the palate, leaving subtleties of crushed pepper and cinnamon spice notes on the finish.

Alcohol 12.5%

V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2014

Variety Cabernet Sauvignon 72% Shiraz 28%. 100% Coonawarra fruit from the V&A Lane

Maturation 14 months in a combination of new and used French oak. 18% new, remainder in one to four year old oak. A combination of hogsheads and vats

Colour Dark crimson

Nose Concentrated mulberry and blackberry with hints of flinty shale and distilled blood orange.

Palate Co-fermentation creates a rich and textured style. The long time on skins takes the fruit into savoury and complex territory. Dark brambly fruits are layered with wet tobacco aniseed and peppery spice. Velvety tannin creates depth and is defined by crisp acidity and beautiful line, leaving the palate full and long with a smoky gravelly finish.

Alcohol 13%
**Harold Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**

Harold vineyard ripened evenly and early in 2013, rivalling V&A Lane in its readiness for harvest. The early harvest has lent a freshness and delicacy to the wine, which highlights its qualities perfectly. It will age beautifully and slowly, mirroring the first Wynns clarets with its weight and brightness.

**Variety:** 100% Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon from the Harold vineyard

**Maturation:** 15 months in a combination of new & used French oak barriques. 16% new oak, remainder 1-4 year old.

**Colour:** Good depth with a bright purple rim

**Nose:** Intriguing violet and lavender florals entwine with deeper notes of moss and soy, lending a crisp definition to both the nose and palate.

**Palate:** Both gentle and bright, this wine expands on the palate with a cloud-like volume. Classic dark fruits layer with unexpected nuances of crunchy green olive and pink peppercorn, creating complexity and intrigue. Lingering and distinctive tannin sensations are the hallmark of this beautiful old vineyard.

**Alcohol** 13%

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**Michael Shiraz 2013**

**Variety:** 100% Coonawarra Shiraz

**Maturation:** 15 months in a combination of new & used French oak hogsheads & barriques. 20% new hogsheads, balance 1 - 5yo barriques & hogsheads.

**Colour:** Bright purple with vivid purple hue.

**Nose:** Intense notes of blueberry and strawberry, with darker complexing hints of black cherry, plum and lifted dandelion florals.

**Palate:** Subtle notes of black cherry provide layered depth and complexity. A red fruit thread creates an intensely bright core. The endless layers of fruit, spice and texture are key to this wine. Soft framing powdery tannins, restrained nutty oak and hints of ginger add elegant savoury notes and the promise of silky elegance as this wine ages

**Alcohol** 13.5%

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**John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**

**Variety:** 100% Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon

**Maturation:** 16 months in a combination of new & used French oak hogsheads & barriques. 21% new, remainder 1-5 year old hogsheads and barriques.

**Colour:** Deep purple with vivid purple hue.

**Nose:** Dark, concentrated aromatics of black olive, mulberry and baked meats are elegantly fused with bay leaf and fennel seed, creating an opulent and complex wine.

**Palate:** Supple and polished, this wine first displays concentrated black olive and mulberry, which lead to elegant tobacco, cassis and hints of rosemary. Powerful and restrained, the melding of concentrated dark fruit, subtle savoury notes and definitive, firm, bright chalky tannins, create a timeless wine with phenomenal purity and length.

**Alcohol** 13.5%