



Little Giant Coonawarra Cabernet 2018

Grape Variety:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Region:	Coonawarra
Winemaker:	Corey Ryan & Jim Zerella
Closure:	Screwcap
Alcohol:	14.5%
Pack Size:	6 Bottle Pack

Summary: The southern hairy-nose wombat is smaller than other wombats but is stocky, robust and the proud state emblem of South Australia. Like the might of the little wombat, Little Giant is crafted from premium regional South Australian fruit from established vineyards that deliver character and interest well above their size and weight.

Hand-crafted and made with minimal additions and preservatives, these are wines made of the vineyard. The grapes are picked at optimal ripeness, minimally handled in the winery and fruit vibrancy is not hidden by non-essential artifact. Seeking first and foremost fruit expression, drinkability and to be a great accompaniment to food. Don't let the size fool you, these are wines you'll want to drink.

Winemaking: Sourced from two vineyards that were planted with one on black and the other on red soils of the famed Coonawarra. All the fruit was picked during the early morning to retain colour and flavour retention and then crushed and fermented for a period of up to 10 days. Following primary fermentation the wine was pressed off into a small parcel of new but mostly into older oak for malolactic fermentation and maturation where it was held for a period of 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

2018 Vintage: 2018 will go down as an excellent vintage. Pre growing season rains were 20% above average delivering increased soil moisture ready for summer. Coonawarra did experience frost in November that reduced yields however a warm and relatively even summer and autumn enabled excellent flavour and phenolic ripeness of the developing bunches delivering classic, vibrant black and red fruited Coonawarra Cabernet wines.

Tasting Note: Vibrant bright crimson red with deep purple hues. Showing a lifted perfumed nose of blackcurrant and mulberry fruit and followed by a chocolate oak with subtle spice character. The palate shows dark berry fruit flavours upfront with hints of nutmeg and subtle herb and red florals in the finish. Supple varietal tannins give classical framework and weight to the wine which finishes with integrated fruit and oak driving a long finish.