

Bay of Apostles Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 Has clear-cut varietal character, with a mix of blackcurrant and mulberry fruit; good tannins; structure will sustain the wine well. Screwcap. 14% alc. **Rating 90 To 2016 \$20**



Bay of Apostles Geelong Mount Gambier Pinot Noir 2008 Bright colour; varietal cherry and plum bouquet; straightforward and correct, with a bit of grip and toasty oak on the finish. Screwcap. 13.4% alc. **Rating 89 To 2012 \$21**

Bay of Apostles Shiraz 2006 Fragrant, spicy cool-climate fruit on the bouquet and palate alike; supple red fruits and fine tannins. Screwcap. 14.5% alc. **Rating 89 To 2016 \$20**

The Temptress Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 Good management of oak and tannins give the wine pleasing mouthfeel; a mix of red and black fruits run through the light- to medium-bodied palate. Screwcap. 13.9% alc. **Rating 89 To 2013 \$19**

Ambriel's Gift Museum Release Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2002 Has retained good hue; the savoury/earthy/forestry characters of the cool vintage are intensifying; the wine has reached the point where it should be drunk. The medal display on the label is illegal, as it doesn't specify the year or class of the award. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. **Rating 88 To 2011 \$30**

Sofiel's Gift Riesling 2007 Has no shortage of flavour in a ripe, tropical spectrum; the finish is a little soft, lacking conviction. Adelaide Hills. Screwcap. 12.2% alc. **Rating 87 To 2012 \$17**

Koonowla Wines



PO Box 45, Auburn, SA 5451 **Region** Clare Valley

T (08) 8849 2080 **F** (08) 8849 2293 **www.koonowla.com** **Open** Not

Winemaker O'Leary Walker Wines **Est.** 1997 **Cases** 50000 **Vyds** 100 ha

It's not often that a light as large as this can be hidden under a bushel. Koonowla is a historic Clare Valley property; situated just east of Auburn, it was first planted with vines in the 1890s, and by the early 1900s was producing 60 000 litres of wine annually. A disastrous fire in 1926 destroyed the winery and wine stocks, and the property was converted to grain and wool production. Replanting of vines began in 1985, and accelerated after Andrew and Booie Michael purchased the property in '91; there are now 40 ha of cabernet sauvignon, 36 ha riesling, 20 ha of shiraz, and 2 ha each of merlot and semillon. In an all too familiar story, the grapes were sold until falling prices forced a change in strategy; now part of the grapes are vinified by the infinitely experienced David O'Leary and Nick Walker, with the remainder sold. Most of the wines are exported (to the UK, the US, Scandinavia, Malaysia and NZ).



Clare Valley Riesling 2008 Strong green-straw colour; the bouquet is stacked with ripe spice and citrus aromas, and the depth and power of the palate comes as no surprise. Great early-drinking style. Screwcap. 12% alc. **Rating 91 To 2013 \$20**

Clare Valley Shiraz 2006 Loaded with sweet dark fruit and a light seasoning of oak; the palate is quite unctuous and the acidity provides good focus on the finish. Screwcap. 14.5% alc. **Rating 90 To 2014 \$22**

Kooyong



PO Box 153, Red Hill South, Vic 3937 **Region** Mornington Peninsula

T (03) 5989 7355 **F** (03) 5989 7677 **www.kooyong.com** **Open** At Port Phillip Estate

Winemaker Sandro Mosele **Est.** 1996 **Cases** 5000 **Vyds** 47.7 ha

Kooyong, owned by Giorgio and Dianne Gjergja, released its first wines in 2001. The vineyard is planted to pinot noir, chardonnay and, more recently, pinot gris. Winemaker Sandro Mosele is a graduate of CSU, and has a deservedly high reputation. He also provides contract winemaking services for others. The Kooyong wines are made at Port Phillip Estate, also owned by the Gjergias. Exports to the UK, the US and other major markets.