



In 1965, the members of the Stock Exchange Club of Adelaide dined at the South Australian Hotel. The guest of honour was Sir Robert Menzies. During his speech, Sir Robert declared the 1961 Yalumba Galway Vintage Special Reserve Claret, "to be the finest Australian wine I have ever tasted".

In April 1987, Yalumba harvested the first grapes from a Coonawarra vineyard known as the Menzies block. These fateful coincidences prompted the first release of Yalumba "The Menzies" Coonawarra Cabernet Cabernet Sauvignon on the 15th May 1990.

Here for your enjoyment is the second release. A fitting tribute to a consummate politician who was also a good judge of quality red wine!

Winemaker's Notes:

This wine is a blend of early picked fruit and more mature, flavour developed fruit.

The early picked portion was cool fermented on skins for four days then finished fermentation in new American oak. The resulting wine has pungent vegetative, asparagus flavours and warm, toasty oak character.

The more mature portion was fermented warmer and left on skins post fermentation.

The assemblage of the two portions has created a wine of lifted red berry Cabernet aromas with toasty American oak. The palate shows length and consistency balanced with creamy oak tannins.

Winemaker's Comments:

"A classic reflection of the vineyard, the variety and the region. A sleeper as a young wine, it will show its full colours from now onwards".

....Simon Adams

Technical:

Harvested:	April 1988
Wood:	14 months — 50 per cent in new American oak and 50 per cent in 2 year old American oak hogsheads.
Alcohol:	12.0%
Total acid:	5.9 g/l
Bottled:	December 1990

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