



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 Sauvignon on the 15th May 1990.

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

### *Winemaker's Notes:*

The grapes from the Menzies block were again harvested in two portions from the mild 1989 vintage. Twenty per cent were picked early, fermented cool on skins for five days and then run off into new American oak for the remainder of the fermentation. The balance of the vintage was left for a further 3 weeks before being picked. This portion was fermented warmer and left on skins after fermentation.

### *Winemaker's Comments:*

"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 persistence balanced with fine oak tannins. A wine of great depth and character from an unseasonably mild vintage."

### *Technical:*

Harvested:	April 1989
Wood:	16 months - 50 per cent in new American oak and 50 per cent in two year old American oak.
Alcohol:	12 %
Total Acid:	6.2 g/l
Bottled:	February 1992

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