



The inaugural release of "The Menzies" Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 1987 was in May of 1990. Like the consummate politician and red wine aesthete after whom the wine is named, Sir Robert Gordon Menzies, "The Menzies" has continued to grow in stature, quality and renown in Australia and internationally. This popularity has prompted Yalumba to purchase two blocks of terra rossa soil in the Coonawarra. The original "Menzies" block and "the Hawthorns" block, with a combined area of forty hectares, will enable us to better master our destiny in both quality and quantity of "The Menzies".

Winemaker's Comments:

"1993 was a frustrating season with regard to volume. We received only about a quarter of the anticipated fruit levels. This in fact instigated Yalumba to begin negotiation to purchase the vineyard which proved successful later that year. The diminished volume did have one positive aspect and that was the ratio of leaf to fruit was increased dramatically, so the flavour impact of this wine is immense."

Simon Adams

Tasting Notes:

Very deep brick red colour. Warm inviting aromas of black cherry, almost inky in nature with the regional characters of red berry starting to evolve. The palate is firm, focused and rich with the true "Coonawarra" stamp. A wine of great character reflecting the vintage and one that will reward maturation for another 8-10 years.

Technical:

Harvested:	April 1993
Wood:	American oak 23 months (1/3 new, balance 1 & 2 year old)
Alcohol:	13.5 %
Total Acid:	5.9 g/l
Bottled:	March 1995