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John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

First made in 1982, the John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon was conceived as a flagship wine for Wynns. John Riddoch himself was a true visionary. Amongst his many achievements are the building of the Wynns Gabled winery and the establishment of Coonawarra Fruit Colony.

John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon is made in small quantities from the best available fruit grown on the estate's extensive Cabernet Sauvignon plantings in the heart of terra rossa soil. It has become a definitive Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon, made only in years when grapes of extraordinarily high quality are available, using less than one percent of the top-quality Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

Winemaker Comments: Sue Hodder & Sarah Pidgeon

Variety

Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon

In 2019, three prime terra rossa soil vineyards were selected for the John Riddoch. The average age of these vines was 36 years.

Vintage Conditions 2019

Good winter rainfall was followed by a cool dry spring. Canopies remained in excellent condition through to the end of harvest, with even warm days, no heat spikes, and the important cool nights created by the Southern Ocean upwelling. Ripening season temperatures were cooler than 2018 and the resulting picking dates were close to long term average, with Cabernet harvested over three weeks in April. 2019 was an excellent, classic Wynns vintage – medium bodied with good bright colour and fine tannins.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 13.5%

pH / Acidity / Residual Sugar 3.53 / 6.5g/L / 0.4g/L

Maturation

16 months in new and seasoned French oak barrels.
31% new French oak, 69% in 1-4yo French oak.
85% barriques, 15% hogsheads.

Colour

Intensely dark at its core with a deep crimson/red hue.

Nose

An attractive lift of violet adds floral perfume to its bright red and dark cherries, with deep undertones of chestnut and bitter dark chocolate imparting a brooding complexity.

Palate

The near ideal conditions offered by 2019 have produced a brightly lit John Riddoch which flows elegantly without excess weight. Its vivid red and black forest berries sit within a classical medium-weighted frame, before they extend with great persistence to a long finish marked by an impression of sandalwood and finely detailed tannins.

Perfect Pairing

Authentic Hainanese Chicken Rice.

Why?

Poaching without grilling is integral to the subtle flavours and texture of Hainanese Chicken Rice, making it the perfect accompaniment to our medium-bodied 2019 John Riddoch Cabernet.