



WYNNS
COONAWARRA ESTATE



John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

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 the 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 2020, three prime terra rossa soil vineyards were selected for the John Riddoch. The average age of these vines was 29 years.

Vintage Conditions 2020

To set up the 2020 Coonawarra vintage, good rainfall fell during winter and spring. The terra rossa soil profiles were full for budburst, with some limestone aquifer replacement taking place. Early growing season rainfall from budburst to flowering was moderate, in line with long term average. Despite the good rains, the cold southerly winds at the delicate flowering and set phase were not good for fruit set. Consequently, low yields resulted. Hot weather in December was the exception in an otherwise mild year.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 13.5%

pH / Acidity / Residual Sugar 3.5pH/6.9/dry (0.3g/L)

Maturation

Oak 17 months in French barriques and hogsheads. 23% new, 45% one year old and 32% two years old.

Colour

Deep red

Nose

Notably lifted and intense aromatics. Black olive, raspberry, dried bayleaf, musky notes/red licorice, blue flower/violets; brambles or crushed raspberry leaf. Initially subdued but opens up gradually.

Palate

Medium bodied with balanced powdery tannins.

The fruit will grow into the frame in a short time. Baked Plum cake and gentle spices, light pastry notes, green olive. Rhubarb, roasted cherry flavours are persistent on the palate. The fruit is concentrated but not heavy. A wine of poise and elegance.

The 2020 John Riddoch Cabernet will age gracefully in line with heritage and quality.

Perfect Pairing

Lamb Tagine with Artichoke Hearts

Why?

The elegance of the 2020 vintage is beautifully matched with the soft and spicy flavours of the tagine.