



RIDDOCH

COONAWARRA

2020 Riddoch Coonawarra Merlot

John Riddoch (1827-1901) was one of our most visionary pioneers, famous for founding Coonawarra in 1890. The cool maritime climate and exceptional vineyard sites produce wines of beautiful aromatic complexity, rich flavours and freshness. This range of wines pays tribute to him, his determination and his legacy.

Winemakers

Tim Heath (Chief Winemaker) & Matthew Reimann (Winemaker).

Vintage

2020.

Region

Coonawarra.

Colour

Deep purple in colour with a crimson rim.

Nose

Exuding spicy plum, chocolate and subtle vanillin oak aromas.

Palate

A rich palate of plum and black cherry flavours, well balanced tannins and a smooth finish.

Vineyard Details

Sourced wholly in Coonawarra, which has rich soils on top of a bed of ancient limestone, perfect for draining. An aquifer beneath the limestone provides easy access to pure water. Above ground, the vast flat plains allow for consistent growing and the cool maritime climate with winds from Antarctica allow a long ripening season, permitting the fruit to develop intense, complex flavours. This region produces fruit of exceptional quality.

Winemaking Notes

After harvesting, all parcels of grapes were kept separate during vinification with gentle cap management during fermentation. The wines were aged in oak barrels of mixed type for complexity of flavour and retaining silky, elegant tannins.

Oak Maturation

20 to 30% of the blend had barrels used with a combination of new and used French barrels. Some American new and seasoned barrels were used.

Cellaring Notes

Enjoy in its youth now or carefully cellar over the medium term.

Technical Details

Alc/Vol – 14.0%

