



# RIDDOCH

## COONAWARRA

### 2019 Riddoch The Representative Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

Part of the Vocation Series, this wine pays tribute to John Riddoch's multifaceted capabilities, reflected by the ultimate expression of Coonawarra's diversity through single vineyard wines and interesting winemaking techniques. John Riddoch MHA, who entered South Australia's parliament (1865) as the South-East's representative, founded the Coonawarra region (1890) with the aspiration of making the finest wine in the country. The Representative Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot pays homage to this history as an iconic red wine blend for Coonawarra.

#### Winemakers

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

#### Vintage

2019.

#### Region

Coonawarra.

#### Colour

Deep and dark red.

#### Nose

Concentrated aromas of lifted dark and red berry fruits, complemented by cassis and warming spice notes.

#### Palate

A complete and balanced wine, brimming with spiced dark and red berry fruits, similar to a moreish dark fruit cake. This blend shows gentle, drawing tannins with a subtle cheek-puckering fresh finish and a persistent length of savouring flavour.

#### Vineyard Details

This beautiful blend of grapes were sourced from premium vineyards in Coonawarra, well-managed by long term Riddoch growers. The Cabernet Sauvignon portion was sourced from a Cabernet vineyard at the warmer Northern end of Coonawarra. This vineyard sits on a mixture of red loam over limestone and ironstone, and the grapes were picked from vines aged 20 to 25 years. The Merlot was sourced from the central Coonawarra region, and the grapes blended with Cabernet to create the resultant wine.

#### Winemaking Notes

After harvesting, the grapes were fermented with gentle cap management for the slow release and integration of flavour. The wine was then aged in oak barrels of mixed type for complexity of flavour. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot parcels were blended to create a wine that demonstrates outstanding fruit intensity with silky, fine and elegant tannins.

#### Oak Maturation

The wine was matured for 12 to 15 months in a combination of new and seasoned French oak barrels. The wine then spent a further 12 months resting in bottle prior to release.

#### Cellaring Notes

Enjoy in its youth now or carefully cellar for the next 10-15 years.

#### Technical Details

Alc/Vol – 14.5%

#### Accolades

GOLD - 2022 London Wine Competition

