



RIDDOCH

COONAWARRA

The Federator Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

Vigneron, leader and entrepreneur John Riddoch, was instrumental in the introduction of rail to the South-East of Australia, thereby greatly improving the fortunes of the region and its residents. This exceptional wine pays tribute to one of the first locomotives to use the railway, The Federator, as a symbol of progress and its vital role.

Winemakers

Matthew Reimann

Colour

Red Magenta

Nose

Blackberry aromatics with hints of spicy cedar oak

Palate

Vibrant blackberry flavours wrapped in subtle cedar spice from French oak barrels. Fine, powdery tannins encase the blackberry flavours, leading to an elegant finish with gentle, puckering tannins that provide a persistent length. A wine to be enjoyed now, yet will benefit from careful cellaring. Another classic Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon from Riddoch Coonawarra

Tasting Profile

Full bodied, yet elegant.

Food Match

Roast lamb with roasted vegetables and a gravy reduction.

Technical Details

14.50% Alc

Vineyard Details

This blend of premium Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon comes from vineyards with a proven track record. Seventy per cent is sourced from a north-eastern vineyard, home to the 2021 Pastoralist CW Cabernet Sauvignon, awarded Best Cabernet Sauvignon in the World. Ten per cent comes from a vineyard adjacent to the Riddoch Highway on the renowned Coonawarra terra rossa strip. The remainder—a co-fermented blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc—comes from Riddoch Estate, formerly Highbank, now part of Riddoch Coonawarra. This vineyard sits proudly between Coonawarra icons Leconfield and Katnook Estate.

Winemaking Notes

Each component was fermented separately for 10 days in stainless steel tanks before being pressed to tank for a quick settling, then racked to new and used French oak. After malolactic fermentation, the wine was gently racked off lees and returned to the same barrels. The base wines from separate vineyards were matured individually for eight months before premium barrels were selected from the three parcels and blended. The blend then spent a further eight months in barrel before final barrel selection.

Oak Maturation

Matured entirely in new and used French oak for 15 months, followed by 24 months in bottle before release.

Cellaring Notes

10-15 years +

