



# Wynns Coonawarra Estate



## John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon 1999

First made in 1982, the Wynns Coonawarra Estate John Riddoch was conceived as a flagship wine to be made in small quantities from the best fruit available from the estate's extensive Coonawarra Cabernet plantings. It has since become the definitive Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon - and is arguably richer and more concentrated than any other wine in the region.

It is made only in years when grapes of extraordinarily high quality are available. Indeed, just one per cent of the top Cabernet grapes are used to make it.

### Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

### Vintage Conditions

Good rains assisted early growth in September, although the fruit set of Cabernet was affected by a dry and windy November. Overall 1999 was another excellent year in Coonawarra that produced intense colours, rich flavours and ripe tannins across all varieties.

### Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon

### Maturation

20 months in new and one-year-old French oak.

## Winemaker Comments: Sue Hodder



### Colour

Deep red.



### Nose

Opulent nose of dark berries with lifted aromas of violets and tobacco with hints of dried mint.



### Palate

This full-bodied wine reflects the dimensions of exceptional fruit selection from prized Coonawarra vineyards. Intense dark berry-fruit characters are interlaced with spice, sage and underlying mint flavours. The characteristic silky texture on the palate leads through to a long finish.

### Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%  
Acidity: 6.80g/L  
pH: 3.47

### Last Tasted

1 Sep 2003

### Peak Drinking

Now - 2008

### Food Matches

Ideally suited to Lamb, Beef, Cheese

