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Crafted from less than 1% of the estate's finest Cabernet fruit, this flagship cuvée exemplifies Wynns' long-standing mastery of terra rossa vineyards .

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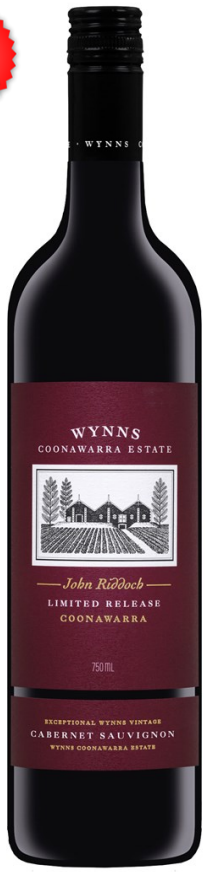

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

Coonawarra, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The 2019 John Riddoch hails from **Coonawarra**, South Australia's iconic red wine region defined by its terra rossa soil—thin red topsoil rich in iron oxide, overlaying porous limestone. This unique combination allows excellent drainage while retaining enough moisture for balanced vine growth.

In 2019, the fruit was selected from **three exceptional vineyards**, averaging **36 years of age**, all rooted in this prized terroir. Following good winter rains and a dry, cool spring, the region experienced a textbook growing season with no extreme heat. The influence of the nearby Southern Ocean provided cool nights, fostering slow, even ripening. The result was a **classic Wynns vintage** marked by vivid colour, fine tannins and medium-bodied elegance.

Winemaking

This wine is crafted entirely from **Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon**, produced in extremely limited quantities. Only when vintage conditions offer optimal fruit purity and balance is the John Riddoch label released.

The wine was matured for **16 months in French oak**, of which **31% was new**, and the rest composed of one- to four-year-old barrels. A careful mix of **85% barriques and 15% hogsheads** was used to respect the wine's aromatic profile and retain elegance. Winemakers **Sue Hodder and Sarah Pidgeon** curated this cuvée to reflect the house style: bright, structured, and poised for long ageing.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep crimson-red with intense darkness at the core.
- **Aroma**: Elegant notes of violet lend lift to ripe red and black cherries, supported by chestnut and bitter chocolate, evoking both brightness and brooding depth.
- **Palate**: Silky and refined, with red and black forest berries gliding across a medium-bodied structure. The wine is detailed, with precise tannins and a lingering finish of sandalwood and mineral finesse.

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Did you know?

The **John Riddoch** cuvée was first produced in **1982**, named in honour of the founder of the Coonawarra Fruit Colony and a pioneer of the region's viticultural legacy. It remains **Wynns' most prestigious wine**, released only in years when the vineyard delivers fruit of exceptional quality, making it a true collector's item among Australian Cabernets.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Hainanese Chicken Rice**: The delicacy of poached chicken aligns with the wine's medium body and subtle perfume.
- **Duck breast with cherry jus**: The red fruit notes and fine tannins harmonize beautifully with gamey richness.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto**: Earthy and creamy elements mirror the wine's texture and savoury undertones.
- **Beef carpaccio with truffle oil**: The balance of freshness and umami complements the wine's elegance and depth.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2019)

The refinement of coopers (a result of repeated and long-term R&D over the years) is now starting to emerge as a key part of the success of these new release, premium wines. The selected one or two coopers work to preface the fruit and support the fruit and show the terroir... This is why we drink wine: to taste the place that it came from and to be transported there, if even for a moment. This 2019 John Riddoch Limited Release Cabernet Sauvignon is exceptional—it is pure and has tannic sway and flow, and the palate is steeped in five spice, raspberry, mulberry, cassis and black tea. Inchoate. Don't touch it for seven years at least. Even then...