

WYNNS
COONAWARRA ESTATE



JOHN RIDDOCH
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2020



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— *John Riddoch* —
LIMITED RELEASE
COONAWARRA
EXCEPTIONAL WYNNS VINTAGE

750 mL



ESTATE CROWN FRUIT
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The Wynns Philosophy

CRAFTED WITH EXPERIENCE

What is now Wynns Coonawarra Estate was founded by Scottish pioneer John Riddoch. He planted vineyards in 1891 and completed the estate's famous three-gabled winery in 1896. Later in 1951, Melbourne wine merchants Samuel and David Wynn purchased Riddoch's original vineyards and winery and renamed the property Wynns Coonawarra Estate.

The Wynn family recognised the intrinsic qualities of Coonawarra wines – their richness and intensity of fruit character – and set out to build an independent identity in the region. They created the famous label that has made the triple-gabled winery a recognised symbol of heritage and refinement in Australia, qualities Wynns prides itself on.

With the longest established vineyards in the Coonawarra region, Wynns is today not only one of the world's finest terroirs, but also presents one of the world's preeminent winemaking and viticultural teams. Together Wynns winemakers Sue Hodder, Sarah Pidgeon and Chris Plummer, alongside viticulturist Ben Harris,

patiently develop and culture an annual collection of wines universally acclaimed for their consistent quality and depth of flavour.

John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon is Wynns' flagship wine. First made in 1982, it is made in small quantities from the best available fruit grown on the estate's extensive Cabernet Sauvignon plantings in the heart of Terra Rossa soil. It has become a definitive. Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon, made only in years when grapes of extraordinarily high quality are available, using less than one percent of the top-quality Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

With a longstanding reputation on the secondary wine market, Wynns John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon is classified as Exceptional in Langton's Classification of Australian Wine, the highest ranking in the collectible wine market. In 2020 it was one of the first Australian wines to launch through La Place de Bordeaux.





Coonawarra Terra Rossa

WORLD-CLASS TERRIOR

Coonawarra is located in South Australia, 380 kilometres south east of Adelaide, and 450km west of Melbourne. The region's international reputation comes from a natural soil phenomenon called Terra Rossa, meaning 'red earth'.

The unique combination of this rich red soil and a cool southerly climate is optimal for growing intensely flavoured grapes. Perched on a low limestone dune around 600,000 years old, Coonawarra's terra rossa is a narrow 20-kilometre strip that boasts the most sought after vineyard soil in Australia.

Grapes grown in this cool, exposed environment ripen slowly, developing flavour and intensity, while maintaining balanced acidity. Ongoing productivity of the vines is underpinned by a shallow, unconfined limestone aquifer that provides plentiful water, supplied primarily by local rainfall and supplemented by underground lateral flows from the east. These climatic factors combine with the benefits of the free-draining Terra Rossa soil to create conditions conducive to producing low yielding, high quality grapes.

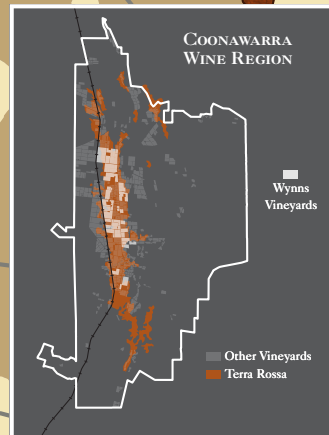
The resulting Wynns wines have long been regarded as among Australia's greatest – known for their style and longevity.



KEY

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| 1 | Gartner | 26 | Davis Cabernet |
| 2 | McBains | 27 | Mulligans |
| 3 | Gordons | 28 | Davis Shiraz |
| 4 | O'Deas 3-13 | 29 | Sharam Cabernet |
| 5 | O'Deas | 30 | Harold |
| 6 | Lynch Road | 31 | Block 14 |
| 7 | MacKillop | 32 | St Cedds |
| 8 | Alexander 88 | 33 | Giles |
| 9 | Alexander | 34 | Albert |
| 10 | Richardsons | 35 | Glengyle |
| 11 | Alexander 84 | 36 | Childs Cabernet |
| 12 | Coonawarra Township | 37 | Childs Shiraz |
| 13 | Coonawarra Railway Siding | 38 | V&A Shiraz |
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| 15 | Riddoch | 40 | Hayes |
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| 17 | Cellar Pedro | 42 | Adamsons |
| 18 | Redman Shiraz | 43 | Messenger |
| 19 | Redman Cabernet | 44 | Abbey |
| 20 | Cellar West | 45 | Penola Township |
| 21 | Block 1 | | Terra rossa footprint |
| 22 | Block 3 + 4 | | Wynns Vineyards |
| 23 | Undoolya | | Townships |
| 24 | Johnsons Shiraz | | |
| 25 | Johnsons Cabernet | | |

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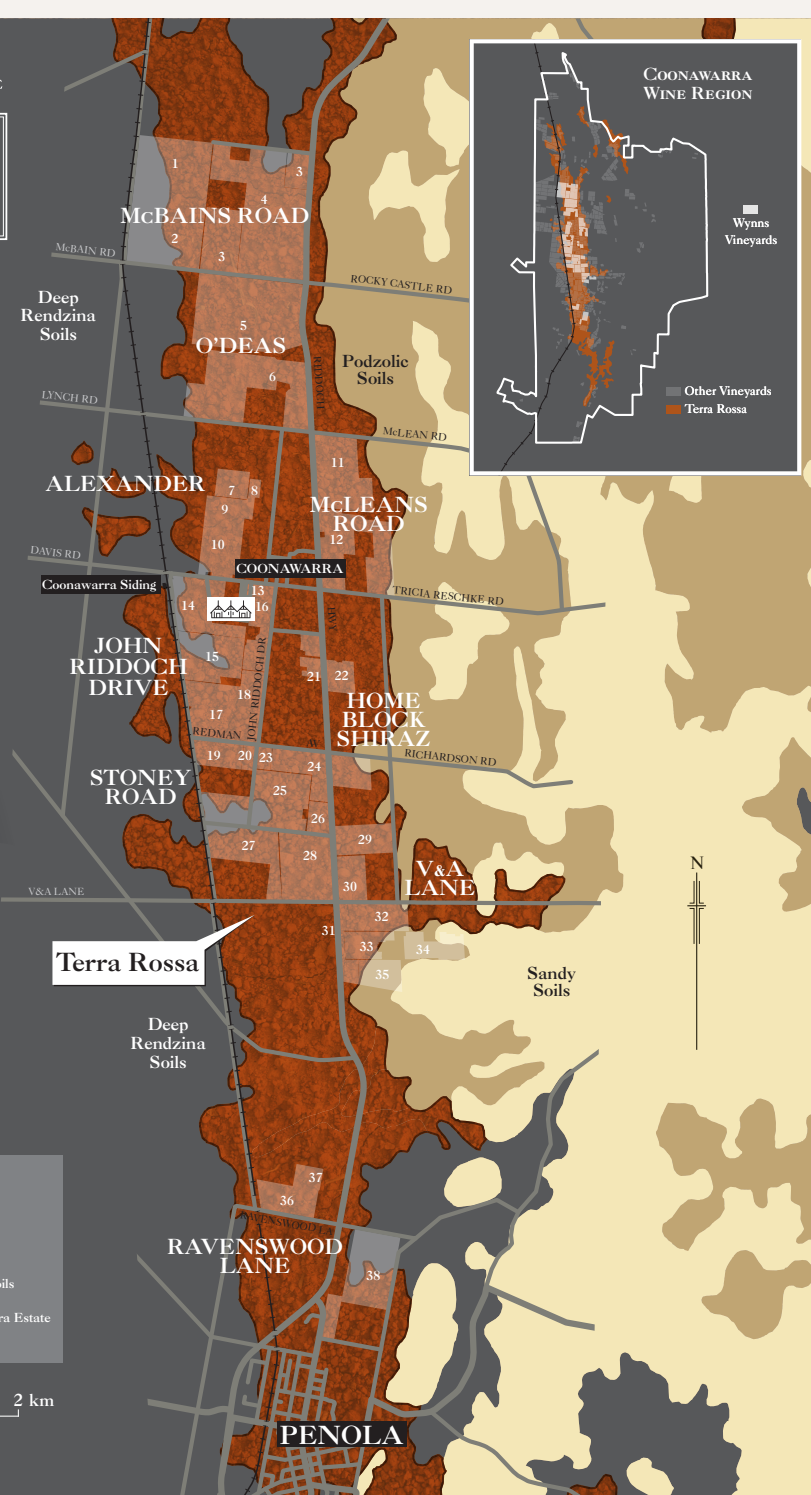
37° 16' 00"

37° 18' 00"

37° 20' 00"

Southern Ocean 88.4km

-  Terra Rossa
-  Podzolic Soils
-  Sandy Soils
-  Deep Rendzina Soils
-  Wynns Coonawarra Estate
37° 17' 36"
140° 49' 47"





John Riddoch

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Sue Hodder & Sarah Pidgeon

VARIETY

Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS 2020

To set up the 2020 Coonawarra vintage, good rainfall fell during winter and spring. The Terra Rossa soil profiles were full for budburst, with some limestone aquifer replacement taking place. Early growing season rainfall from budburst to flowering was moderate, in line with long term average. Despite the good rains, the cold southerly winds at the delicate flowering and set phase were not good for fruit set. Consequently, low yields resulted. Hot weather in December was the exception in an otherwise mild year.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 13.5%

Analysis pH/T.A./Residual sugar 3.5/6.9/0.3 g/l

Peak Duration –Enjoy on release or cellar carefully for up to 30 years.

MATURATION

17 months in French oak

23% new/45% one year old and 32% 2 year old

COLOUR

Deep red

NOSE

Notably lifted and intense aromatics. Black olive, raspberry, dried bay leaf, musky notes/red licorice, blue flower/violets; brambles or crushed raspberry leaf. Initially subdued but opens up gradually.

PALATE

Medium bodied with balanced powdery tannins. The fruit will grow into the frame in a short time.

Baked plum cake and gentle spices, light pastry notes, green olive. Rhubarb, roasted cherry flavours are persistent on the palate. The fruit is concentrated but not heavy. A wine of poise and elegance. The 2020 John Riddoch Cabernet will age gracefully in line with heritage and quality.

VINEYARDS

The 2020 John Riddoch was selected from less than 1% of the Cabernet vineyards that Wynns farms in the heart of the Terra Rossa soil. This year it was all from the 1969 planted Childs vineyard which is in the V and A Lane area of Coonawarra. These vines have been planted on their own roots - franc de pied.

PERFECT PAIRING

Lamb tagine with artichoke hearts.

WHY?

The elegance of the 2020 vintage is beautifully matched with the soft and spicy flavours of the tagine.



Scan to read *Imagining Coonawarra* by Andrew Caillard MW to learn more about John Riddoch, Wynns and Coonawarra.



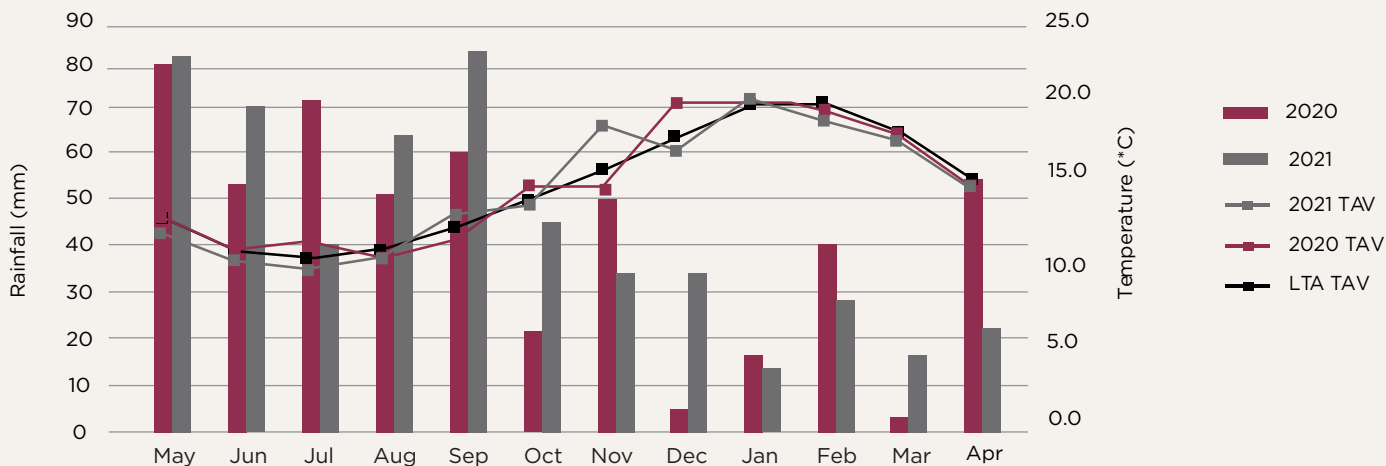


Climate comparison

VINTAGES 2019 v 2020

Like many great wine regions of the world, Coonawarra's climate is cool and marginal. It is South Australia's southernmost wine region, positioned just 80 kilometres from the chilly Southern Ocean and cold Antarctic winds. The vines are assured a long, cool ripening period that builds up the intensity of flavours slowly in the grape, creating a balanced acidity. The resulting wines will always be among Australia's finest for their richness, intensity, flavour and longevity.

Comparing the 2020 and 2021 growing conditions is key to understanding the character of our John Riddoch wines from these vintages. The below graph charts this in detail, highlighting the good winter rainfall in both years to replenish moisture in Terra Rossa soils, along with an average to above temperatures at flowering for excellent and even fruit set in both vintages. 2020 spring temperatures were below average. Furthermore, Coonawarra experienced a significant frost affecting bud fruitfulness, so yields were very low. 2020 John Riddoch is finer than recent vintages and is more akin to the 2004 or 1996.



GROWTH STAGES

	Bud-break	Mid-flowering point	Colour change (véraison)
Cabernet Sauvignon			
2019/20	21 September	7 December	13 February
2020/21	20 September	23 November	10 February
LTA	21 September	29 November	7 February



Wynns John Riddoch

HISTORICAL SCORESHEET

2019 JOHN RIDDOCH

98 Points, James Haliday
97+ Points, Erin Larkin, RP
Wine Advocate

2018 JOHN RIDDOCH

99 Points, Andrew Caillard MW
(tasted October)
98 Points, Tyson Stelzer

2016 JOHN RIDDOCH

100 Points, Andrew Caillard MW
99 Points, David Sly, Decanter

2015 JOHN RIDDOCH

99 Points, Andrew Caillard MW
98 Points, Halliday Wine Companion

2013 JOHN RIDDOCH

98 Points, David Sly, Decanter
97 Points, Halliday Wine Companion

2012 JOHN RIDDOCH

97 Points, Halliday Wine Companion
17 Points, Jancis Robinson MW

2010 JOHN RIDDOCH

96 Points, Andrew Caillard MW
99 Points, David Sly, Decanter

2009 JOHN RIDDOCH

96 Points, Halliday Wine Companion
94 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

2008 JOHN RIDDOCH

97 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

2006 JOHN RIDDOCH

96 Points, Andrew Caillard MW
16+ Points, Jancis Robinson MW

2005 JOHN RIDDOCH

99 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

2004 JOHN RIDDOCH

98 Points, Andrew Caillard MW
97 Points, David Sly, Decanter
18 Points, Jancis Robinson MW

2003 JOHN RIDDOCH

96 Points, Halliday Wine Companion

1999 JOHN RIDDOCH

96 Points, David Sly, Decanter
16 Points Jancis Robinson MW

1998 JOHN RIDDOCH

96 Points, Andrew Caillard MW
17 Points, Jancis Robinson MW

1997 JOHN RIDDOCH

92 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

1996 JOHN RIDDOCH

99 Points, Andrew Caillard MW
18.5 Points, Jancis Robinson MW

1994 JOHN RIDDOCH

98 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

1993 JOHN RIDDOCH

93 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

1992 JOHN RIDDOCH

92 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

1991 JOHN RIDDOCH

99 Points, Andrew Caillard MW
98 Points, David Sly, Decanter

1990 JOHN RIDDOCH

98 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

1988 JOHN RIDDOCH

93 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

1987 JOHN RIDDOCH

97 Points, Andrew Caillard MW
95 Points, David Sly, Decanter

1986 JOHN RIDDOCH

96 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

1985 JOHN RIDDOCH

96 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

1984 JOHN RIDDOCH

94 Points, Andrew Caillard MW

1982 JOHN RIDDOCH

97 Points, David Sly, Decanter
19 Points, Jancis Robinson MW



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