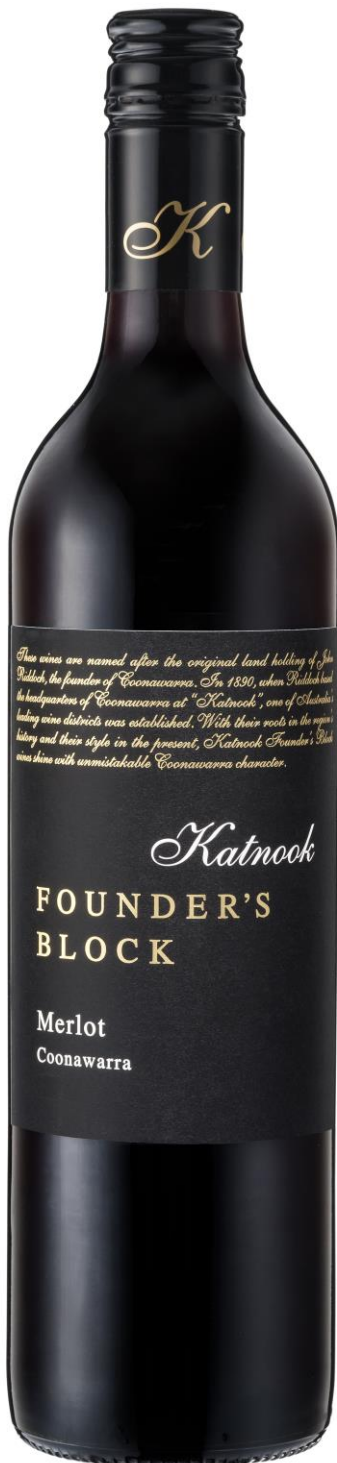


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Merlot 2015

Grape Variety: Merlot

Region: Coonawarra

Harvest: Early to mid-April 2015

pH: 3.48 **Acidity:** 5.5g/L

RS: <2.5g/L **Alc/vol:** 13.5%

Vintage: Coonawarra's 2015 vintage was the earliest on record. An ideal growing season of slightly above average temperatures and dry conditions produced outstanding fruit in excellent condition and with strong varietal character.

Oak Maturation: Approximately 20 percent of this wine was matured for an average of two months in a combination of older French and American oak barrels.

Cellaring Potential: Enjoy now or will cellar well up to five years.

Colour: Deep plum red.

Nose: Dark berries and spiced plum with hints of subtle sweet oak.

Palate: A medium bodied wine with rich dark berries and ripe plum complemented by some spice and earthy notes. Soft and supple with fine, lingering tannins.

Food Matching: A versatile wine, fantastic with crispy duck pancakes and hoisin sauce. Also great with herbed lamb cutlets and hearty pasta dishes.

Additional Information:

This wine is vegetarian and vegan friendly.

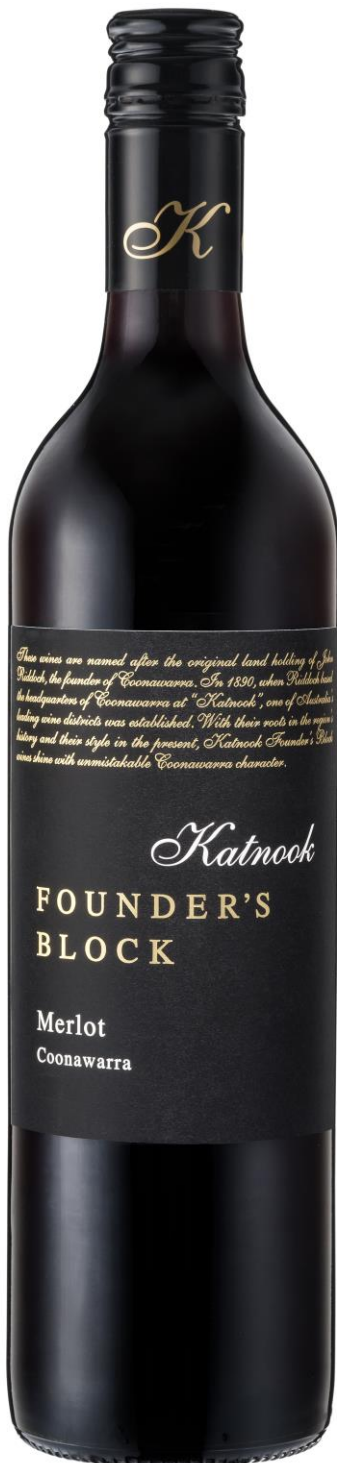
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Merlot 2014

Grape Variety: Merlot

Region: Coonawarra

Harvest: March – April 2014

pH: 3.37 **Acidity:** 5.7g/L

RS: 2.5g/L **Alc/vol** :13.5%

Vintage: The 2014 vintage was noted for its dry, mild conditions and below average rainfall. These dry conditions continued right through the growing season and produced red wines that have great colour and fine tannins.

Oak Maturation: Approximately 53 percent of this wine was matured in French oak barriques and 19% in American oak barriques for ten months.

Cellaring Potential: Enjoy now or will cellar well up to five years.

Colour: Deep plum red.

Nose: Dark berries and spiced plum with hints of subtle sweet oak.

Palate: A medium bodied wine with rich dark berries and ripe plum complemented by some spice and earthy notes. Soft and supple with fine, lingering tannins.

Food Matching: A versatile wine, fantastic with crispy duck pancakes and hoisin sauce. Also great with grilled, herbed lamb cutlets and hearty pasta dishes.

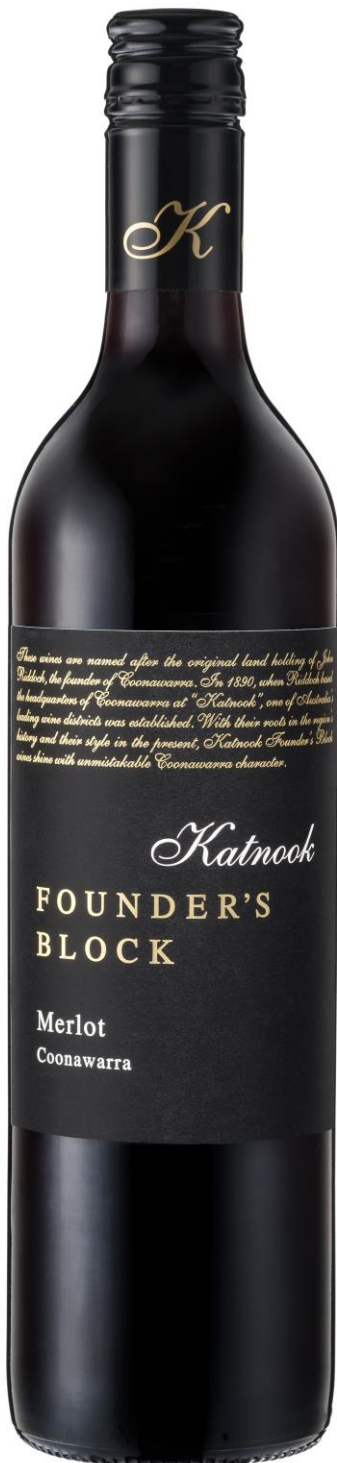
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Merlot 2012

Grape Variety: Merlot

Region: Coonawarra

Harvest: 23th March – 13th April
2013

pH: 3.33 **Acidity:** 6.7g/L
RS: 2.6g/L **Alc/vol** :13.5%

Vintage: The 2012 vintage in Coonawarra was noted for slightly warmer conditions and well below average rainfall especially throughout the later stages of the growing season. This led to an earlier vintage with red wines that display vibrant fruit with great concentration.

Oak Maturation: Approximately 65 percent of this wine was matured in French oak barriques for 15 months.

Colour: Deep plum with red tinges.

Nose: Dark berries, prunes and plum with a hint of spice and subtle sweet oak.

Palate: A medium bodied wine with dark berries, fresh plum and earthy notes. Soft and supple with fine, lingering tannins.

Food Matching: A versatile wine, fantastic with Peking duck pancakes and hoisin sauce. Also perfect with Moroccan cuisine and pasta dishes.

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Merlot 2011

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Grape Variety :: Merlot

Region :: Coonawarra

Harvest :: 26th March – 6th April

pH :: 3.30 **Acidity** :: 6.4g/L **RS** :: 2.2g/L **Alc/vol** :: 13.0%

Vintage :: The 2011 vintage experienced above average rainfall during the summer and these unseasonal conditions extended into harvest during March and April. Our Merlot wine feature generous and rich fruit flavours with excellent colour and fine tannins. A perfect wine for all occasions.

Oak Maturation :: Lightly oaked style using a combination of French and American Oak barrels.

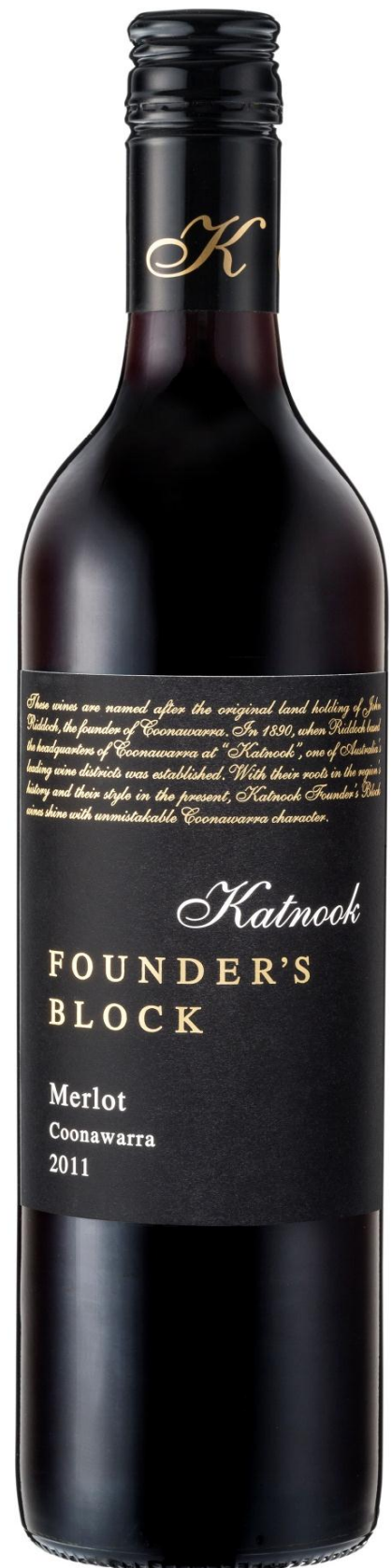
Food Matching :: A versatile wine, fantastic with Peking Duck, pancakes and hoisin sauce. Perfect with a plate of plum-marinated pork ribs.

Colour :: Deep plum hues with light gamet tinges.

Nose :: Lifted plum aromas with hints of red berries, earthy spice and subtle sweet oak.

Palate :: Medium weight, displaying varietal characters of fresh plums and red berry fruits. The soft and smooth palate structure is enhanced by subtle oak spice and lively acid.

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Katnook Founder's Block Merlot 2010

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Grape Variety :: Merlot

Region :: Coonawarra

Harvest :: 16th March to 1st April

pH :: 3.42 Acidity :: 6.1g/L RS :: 1.9g/L Alc/vol :: 13.5%

Vintage :: 2010 Coonawarra vintage will be remembered, not only as one of the earliest, but also for being amongst the best. The near ideal weather conditions of below average rainfall and above average temperatures in Coonawarra leading up to harvest were conducive to an early start and excellent quality

Oue Merlot wine feature generous and rich fruit flavours with excellent colour and fine tannins. A perfect wine for all occasions.

Oak Maturation :: Matured in a combination of French and American oak barrels for approximately 5 months to enhance subtle complexity.

Food Match :: A versatile wine, fantastic with Peking Duck, pancakes and hoisin sauce. Try also with a plate of plum-marinated pork ribs.

Colour :: Plum red with purple & garnet edges.

Nose :: Dark plum and earthy richness combined with subtle oak and highlights of spice, including cinnamon and nutmeg.

Palate :: A concentrated palate of plum fruit, redcurrant and dark berry notes with herbaceous highlights. Spice and toasty oak complement the varietal fruit, finishing with well-rounded, lingering tannins and lively acid.

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Katnook Founder's Block Merlot 2009

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Grape Variety :: Merlot

Region :: Coonawarra

Harvest :: 31st March to 8th May

pH :: 3.36 **Acidity ::** 6.1g/L **RS ::** 1.9g/L **Alc/vol ::** 13.5%

Vintage :: The 2009 vintage was preceded by a brief blast of heat with four consecutive days of record high temperatures in Coonawarra. Fortunately, healthy vine canopies shielded the fruit from damage.

Cool to mild temperatures and dry conditions followed this heat blast, providing a long slow ripening period, producing fruit that was harvested at optimum ripeness.

This Merlot shows dark fruit characters with lovely colour, concentrated palate depth and drying tannins on the finish.

Oak Maturation :: A proportion of this Merlot underwent maturation for approximately 5 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels to add subtle complexity.

Food Matching :: A versatile wine, try with baked chicken breast or lamb korma curry. Merlot is always a great pairing with classic Peking Duck, served with pancakes and hoisin sauce or a scrumptious plate of plum-marinated pork ribs.

Colour :: Plum red with garnet edges.

Nose :: Dark plum fruit characters and an earthy richness combined with subtle sweet oak and highlights of spice including cinnamon and nutmeg.

Palate :: A concentrated palate of plum fruit and dark berry characters with some herbaceous highlights. Spicy notes and sweet oak complement the varietal fruit and the wine finishes with quality drying tannins and lively acid.

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Katnook Founder's Block Merlot 2008

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Grape Variety :: Merlot

Region :: Coonawarra

Harvest :: 23rd March to 7th April

pH :: 3.37 **Acidity ::** 6.0g/L **RS ::** 3.5g/L **Alc/vol ::** 13.5%

Vintage :: 2008 vintage will be remembered not only for its quality, but also the seasonal variability - commencing with a cool spring then one of the hottest periods recorded in early March, finishing with near ideal mild conditions for harvest.

The variable conditions produced higher than expected maturity levels, concentrated colour and tannins and ripe generous flavours. These attributes in the wines have bought high praise.

This Merlot wines feature generous and rich fruit flavours with excellent colour and fine tannins of the vintage. A great drinking wine for all occasions.

Oak Maturation :: This Merlot underwent minimal oak treatment. A small volume was matured in a combination of French and American oak barrels to add subtle complexity to the wine.

Food Matching :: This delicious wine will suit the classic Peking Duck dish, served with pancakes and hoisin sauce. Try also a scrumptious plate of plum-marinated pork ribs.

Colour :: Plum reds with purple and light garnet edges.

Nose :: Hints of dark plum fruit, an earthy richness combined with subtle sweet oak with a light char note.

Palate :: Smooth with a subtle richness is a feature of the palate. Generous fruit flavours of dark berries and ripe plums with a hint of spice are combined with gentle, sweet chary oak. Soft fine grained tannins complement the lingering fruit flavours.

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Katnook Founder's Block Merlot 2007

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Grape Variety :: Merlot

Region :: Coonawarra

Harvest :: 26th - 30th March

pH :: 3.30 **Acidity ::** 6.6g/L **Alc/vol ::** 13.5%

Vintage :: 2007 vintage will be remembered for the severe spring frosts that devastated vineyards across Coonawarra and reduced crops to less than 25% of usual yields.

Ideal warm and dry conditions through veraison, combined with very low yields contributed to an earlier than usual start to harvest of Merlot.

The combination of low yields and ideal season produced excellent quality grapes that produced wines with good varietal aromas and flavours.

Oak Maturation :: Matured in small oak barrels approx 50% French and 50% American for approx 20 months. The barrels were 2 years and older.

Colour :: Plum red with light garnet tinges.

Nose :: Attractive redcurrant and dark plum fruit together with subtle earthy notes are combined with light oak aromas. The oak is subdued, with light cedary and chocolaty tones.

Palate :: A medium bodied wine generously flavoured with plum and dark berry fruit flavours. The ripe fruits are combined with light sweet vanillin, subtle dusty and cedary oak flavours. Fine grained soft tannins add to the lightly oaked fresh lingering fruit palate.

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