

*Katnook Estate*

COONAWARRA

## FOUNDER'S BLOCK

MERLOT 2021

Katnook Founder's Block wines are named in honour of the original land holding of John Riddoch, the founder of Coonawarra.

The Founder's Block range is styled for everyday enjoyment, inviting a modern generation of wine consumers to explore the pleasures of Coonawarra wine. The wines are grounded in the past but genuinely focused on the present. They are honest, fruit driven, harmonious and shine with pure Coonawarra character



**GRAPE VARIETY:** Merlot

**REGION:** Coonawarra, South Australia

**pH:** 3.6    **ACIDITY:** 6.0 g/L

**RS:** 0.5 g/L    **ALC/VOL.:** 14.8%

**VINTAGE CONDITIONS:**

Vintage 2021 in Coonawarra has all the hallmarks of a brilliant one. Mother Nature was very kind to us from flowering until harvest. Nearly ideal conditions have produced wines of great flavour and lovely natural acidity.

**OAK MATURATION:**

Matured in 20% new French hogshead oak, this wine displays a seamless blend of rich fruit and extended oak maturation.

**WINEMAKER:**

Natalie Cleghorn

**COLOUR:**

Medium to full crimson.

**NOSE:**

Think warm summer fruits, mulberries, violets. This youthful, jovial merlot is fresh and vibrant.

**PALATE:**

This is a joven style Merlot is juicy with a mélange of summer berries, mulberry, blackberries, and raspberries. This Merlot is approachable, crunchy and vibrant. Think good friends, summer BBQ's.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:**

Drink now 5+ years.

**FOOD MATCHING:**

Try with BBQ marinated chicken and a lovely Greek salad. For a vegan alternative, a fresh Greek salad with vegan feta.