



Katnook Estate

COONAWARRA

Steeped in heritage and tradition, the Katnook Estate range of premium quality, single varietal wines are crafted from selected distinguished vineyards and are an expression of the classic and unique characteristics of the Coonawarra wine region.

Katnook Estate is represented in the 'Excellent' category of the Langton's VI, Classification of Australian Wine.

Merlot 2017



Grape Variety: Merlot

Region: Coonawarra

Harvest: 28 March – 04 April 2017

pH: 3.47 *Acidity:* 5.8 g/L
RS: <2.0 g/L *Alc/vol:* 14.0%

Vintage:

2017 was a return to a more traditional Coonawarra vintage with a cool growing season and long, mild summer. Harvest was later than in recent years; ideal conditions in the lead up produced outstanding Merlot fruit with deep colour, rich flavours and fine tannins.

Oak Maturation:

Maturation of select parcels for 12 months in a combination of used French oak (55%) and older American oak (45%) barrels, adding complexity and suppleness.

Colour: Deep plum

Nose: An enticing array of rich fruit and oak aromas. Savoury plum and dark cherry with hints of sweet spice and vanillin oak.

Palate: Complex layers of dark berry fruits and plum, hints of chocolate and vanillin oak and a soft, earthy note. Very fine, smooth tannins add to the mouthfeel and lingering finish.

Food Matching: Pan seared five spice duck, BBQ steak with garlic, herb butter or baked brie with roasted grapes.

Cellaring Potential: Will age gracefully for 15 years.