

Katnook Founder's Block *Chardonnay 2006*

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

With Katnook Estate pedigree of 'Classic Coonawarra', the Founder's Block range is styled for everyday drinking, and priced to allow a new generation of wine drinkers to enjoy the pleasures of Coonawarra wine. The wines are grounded in the past but are persuasively focused on the present. They are mellow, fruit forward and harmonious and shining with pure Coonawarra character.

Grape Variety :: Chardonnay

Region :: Coonawarra

Harvest :: 5th March to 16th March.

pH :: 3.35 **Acidity ::** 6.8g/L **Alc/vol ::** 13.5%

Vintage :: 2006 Coonawarra vintage will be remembered as being very early and for the very low yields. Slightly above average temperatures prevailed during summer and extended into the ripening. The ideal conditions produced grapes that were disease free and in excellent condition.

The wines display attractive varietal flavours and palate structures that have subtle fruit richness and a hint of zest.

Oak Maturation :: A small proportion of this wine was barrel fermented then matured for approximately 18 months in predominantly American oak barrels on yeast lees.

Cellaring :: This wine will continue to age in the medium term (4-6 years), if desired.

Food Matching :: This is a refreshing style of wine that will suit a wide range of modern food flavours.

Colour :: Brilliant straw yellow.

Nose :: Attractive fresh and fruity aromas of stone fruits with subtle persistent toasty oak notes that add a touch of sophistication.

Palate :: An appealing array of fresh and tantalizing fruit flavours with hints of toasty oak maturation notes highlight a generous palate structure. This wine has a subtle richness with enticing fruit and light oak flavours that are persistent and fresh, a wine for all occasions.

Wayne Stehbens, Winemaker

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