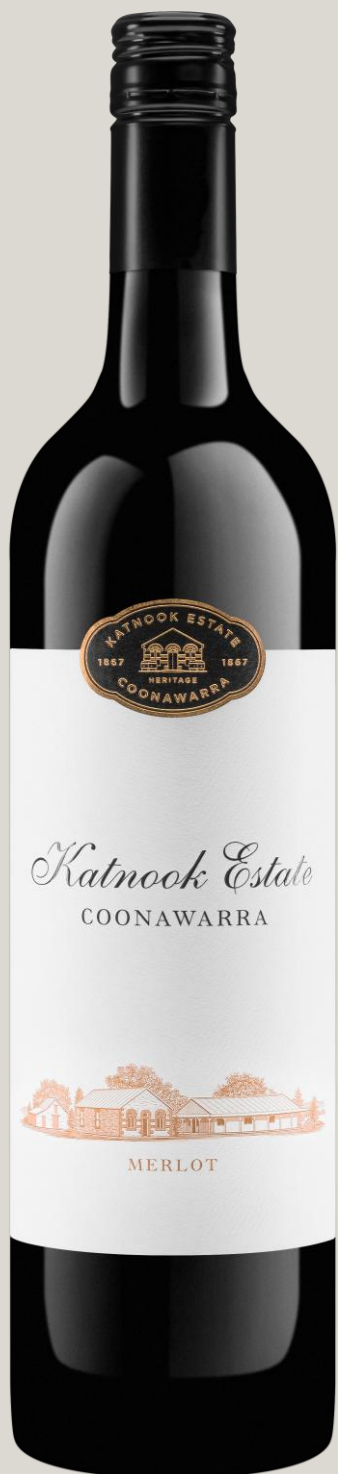




Merlot 2024

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.



Grape Variety: Merlot

Region: Coonawarra, South Australia

pH: 3.43

Acidity: 6.3 g/L

RS: 0.4g/L

Alc/vol.: 14.5%

Vintage Conditions:

The 2024 vintage in Coonawarra was marked by an unusual seasonal pattern, beginning with a warmer, drier winter influenced by El Niño, which led to an early budburst. Spring and early summer brought cooler and wetter conditions during flowering and fruit set, resulting in lower yields. However, the early arrival of the Bonney Upwelling brought cool ocean air, moderating daytime temperatures and ensuring cool nights through the ripening period. This extended, mild ripening phase allowed for excellent flavour development and tannin ripeness, with warm, dry days and cool nights contributing to vibrant acidity and balanced fruit expression. Harvest occurred slightly earlier than average, under largely favourable weather conditions, producing wines with great concentration, structure, and potential longevity.

Oak Maturation:

Matured in French hogsheads and barriques with 28% new.

Food Matching:

Pairs perfectly with roast pork with a herb crust or tomato and basil pasta.

Colour:

Deep ruby with a soft, crimson rim

Nose:

Aromas of ripe plum, red cherry, and blueberry. accented by hints of chocolate and baking spices. Subtle oak notes of vanilla and toast blend with a faint floral or herbal lift. The nose is smooth and inviting, with a soft fruit-forward charm.

Palate:

Medium-bodied with plush, rounded tannins and supple texture. Flavours of juicy plum, raspberry, and dark chocolate unfold with gentle oak spice and a touch of earthiness. Balanced acidity brings freshness to a soft, lingering finish.

Cellaring Potential:

This wine has potential to cellar for 3-5 years peak drinking in 2028.