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## ICON RED COLLECTION

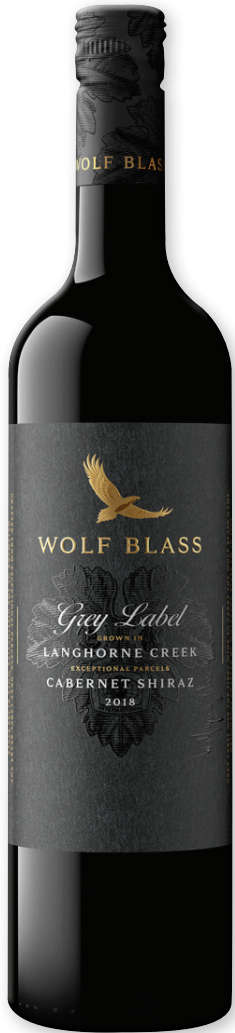
### May 2020 Release

“The cooler weather commands magnificent reds and while we’re all at home self-isolating, this collection provides incredible inspiration for the magnificent recipes being unearthed from more time in the kitchen. A couple are also destined for greatness in the cellar, for when it’s time to celebrate again.”

*George Samios, Cellardoor.co Wine Director*

# \$180

RRP \$314.96  
SAVE 42%



## WOLF BLASS GREY LABEL LANGHORNE CREEK CABERNET SHIRAZ 2018

**The Region:** Langhorne Creek, SA

**The Aromatics:** Brooding aromatics of black cherries and cassia complexed with subtle mineral notes and savoury oak emanate in the beautifully warm and rich bouquet.

**The Flavours:** Layers of black and red berry fruits, mineral nuances, warm spice and subtle savoury oak are a sublime combo that deliver a rich palate lengthened by finely textured tannins.

**The Longevity:** Enjoy now or cellar up to 2028

**We love this wine with...** Roast leg of lamb with rosemary and mint

**RRP \$44.99**



## PEPPERJACK BAROSSA VALLEY GRENACHE 2018

**The Region:** Barossa Valley, SA

**The Aromatics:** A magical medley of lifted fruity aromas showcase dark cherries, mulberries and ripe raspberries in a fragrant bouquet.

**The Flavours:** Bursting with ripe raspberries and cranberries all lusciously lifted by silky tannins, this is soft and full showcase of how gorgeous a Barossa Grenache can be.

**The Longevity:** Enjoy now

**We love this wine with...** Osso bucco

**RRP \$30.00**



## LINDEMAN'S HUNTER VALLEY RARE RELEASE SHIRAZ 2014

**The Region:** Hunter Valley, NSW

**The Aromatics:** Lifted dark cherry, raspberry and spicy plum aromas, savoury oak, florals and earthy characters combine to make the nose a powerful yet subtle bouquet.

**The Flavours:** From one of the best Hunter vintages of this century, this Shiraz delivers a layered, medium-bodied palate with a wonderful structure, generous fruit and beautiful depth of oak.

**The Longevity:** Enjoy now or cellar up to 2028

**We love this wine with...** Steak with Roquefort sauce and gratin dauphinoise

**RRP \$100.00**



## COLDSTREAM HILLS YARRA VALLEY MERLOT 2018

**The Region:** Yarra Valley, VIC

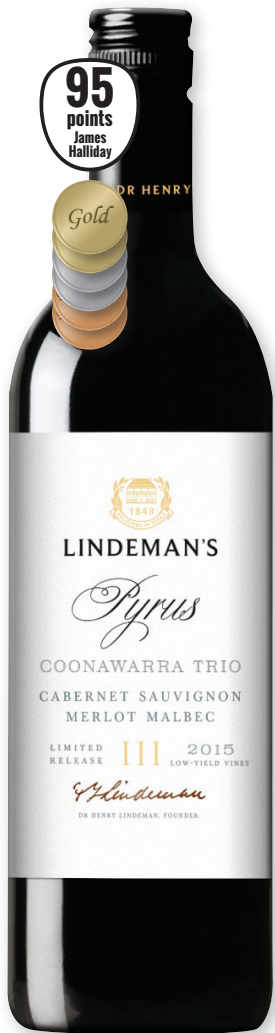
**The Aromatics:** An elegant bouquet of dark cherries, blackberries and anise spice fill the glass to deliver a rich and warming nose.

**The Flavours:** This plush and textural bottle-aged Merlot is all about the cool climate Yarra valley fruit and enhanced by seamless French oak. It finishes beautifully with tight chalky tannins.

**The Longevity:** Enjoy now

**We love this wine with...** Gourmet beef and mushroom burgers with blue cheese

**RRP \$34.99**



## LINDEMAN'S COONAWARRA TRIO 'PYRUS' CABERNET BLEND 2014

**The Accolades:** "...the tannins are exemplary..." 95 points – James Halliday

**The Region:** Coonawarra, SA

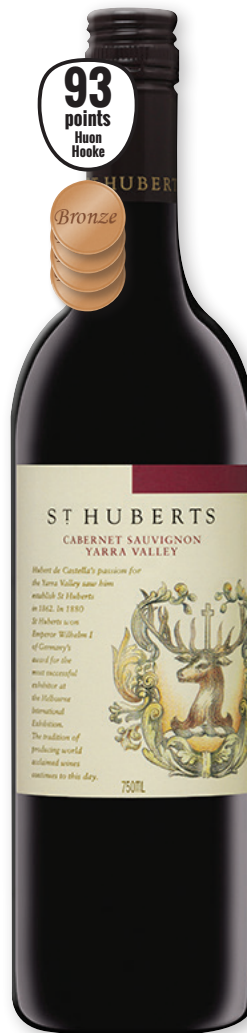
**The Aromatics:** Lifted blackberry and cassis, tobacco leaf and floral aromas are complemented by savoury smoky oak offering a complex and inviting introduction to this wine.

**The Flavours:** This is a medium-bodied and elegant yet intense wine. It is layered with blackberry and dark rose petal flavours supported by fine-grained chalky tannins and well-handled French oak.

**The Longevity:** Enjoy now or cellar up to 2030

**We love this wine with...** Roasted duck breast with pecan purée

**RRP \$69.99**



## ST HUBERTS YARRA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

**The Accolades:** "A classic style. It punches above its weight." 93 points – Huon Hooke

**The Region:** Yarra Valley, VIC

**The Aromatics:** Classic regional Cabernet aromas of black pastels and cassis with just a hint of leaf in the background dazzle before a fruit dominant fragrance with faint earthy scents and mocha oak.

**The Flavours:** The medium-bodied palate is even and balanced boasting ripe, fleshy blackberries, red fruits and mocha flavours. The beautifully persistent finish oozes ripe powdery tannins.

**The Longevity:** Enjoy now

**We love this wine with...** Grilled portobello mushrooms with bacon, garlic and ricotta

**RRP \$34.99**

# FOCUS ON MERLOT

“No, if anyone orders Merlot, I’m leaving.” These famous words uttered in the 2004 film *Sideways* set in the Santa Ynez Valley wine country inadvertently caused sales decreases for this much maligned variety. But, this superstar dark-blue grape rose above the drama and remains one of wine’s most influential. And when in the right hands, Merlot simply dazzles. Yes, *Sideways* got it all very wrong.

Boasting big berries, Merlot is in fact the most planted variety in Bordeaux, the dominant grape in the famous soft and juicy Right Bank blends, and the star of Pomerol’s Château Petrus – one of the world’s most expensive reds. While much of the world’s Merlot is grown in France, also look for wines from Friuli in north-east Italy, oaked Merlots from South Africa, and of course the wonderful offerings from Chile and Argentina. And don’t forget California, where they still shine in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys long after the ‘*Sideways* effect’ subsided – it’s the second most popular variety in the US. Locally in Australia and New Zealand, Merlot is often used as a perfect blending partner marrying magically with Cabernet, while it is one of the most popular red wine varieties in the UK too.

Why so loved by winemakers? Early-harvested Merlot can be earthy, with red fruit flavours, and often leafy or herbaceous qualities; while fully-ripened Merlot moves into darker fruit territory of black cherries and plums – with a trademark silky mouthfeel. Boasting medium levels of tannin, acidity and alcohol, Jancis Robinson says, “Merlot conventionally makes lush, plummy, velvety wine” and she’s right. There are wonderful examples that hero the variety in its own right, especially cool climate wines such as the Coldstream Hills Merlot from the Yarra Valley in this collection.

Best of all there is a Merlot for everyone. From the soft and silky, fruit-forward crowd pleasers that are always great value for money; to the luscious, opulent, velvety and rich bottles from Bordeaux. New World Merlots in particular tend to be fruity and full-bodied; and Cabernet’s best mate, Merlot also lends its rich and generous



fruit flavour to the Super Tuscan and contributes lush sweetness to America’s Meritage wines.

Australia’s first major plantings of Merlot were sourced from UC Davis in California – the D3V14 clone that is now the most widely planted in the country. And although there has long been debate about the clone, passionate legendary winemaking names like Jim Irvine, Brian Croser and Andrew Hardy have put Australia on the map for crafting magnificent terroir-driven Merlot from specially chosen sites. Coonawarra, Margaret River, McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley and of course the Yarra Valley will long continue to put Merlot on the Aussie stage where it deserves its place to shine – especially with food. Think roasted vegies with duck, turkey or beef; or gourmet beef or mushroom burgers with blue cheese enjoyed together with a bottle of Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Merlot and you have a perfectly easy but elegant meal that ensures no-one will be leaving.

**WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR ICON RED COLLECTION.**



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