



## Limestone Ridge 2021

Lindeman's St. George Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Limestone Ridge Vineyard Shiraz Cabernet and Pyrus Cabernet blend make up the Lindeman's *Coonawarra Trio*. These wines represent the epitome of Lindeman's premium winemaking heritage and five decades of red wine making in Coonawarra, South Australia, with the first release of Limestone Ridge in 1971.

Individually, each wine in the Coonawarra Trio is a distinguished example of its style of Cabernet Sauvignon: Pyrus offers a traditional blend; Limestone Ridge delivers the quintessential Australia Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon blend, while St. George is purely Cabernet Sauvignon.

Collectively, the Coonawarra Trio comprises a group that is truly representative of one of Australia's most prestigious Cabernet Sauvignon regions and a coveted addition to the cellars of serious wine collectors at home and abroad.

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**Winemaker:** Elizabeth Marwood

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### **Vintage Conditions:**

The season for Vintage 2021 was mild with very stable weather conditions. The temperatures during the growing season began cooler followed by a warm dry November resulting in early, even flowering. Dry conditions continued right through summer, and consequently, berries remained relatively small with thick skins. Coonawarra did receive several small rainfall events during the growing which was beneficial to the general vine health and soil moisture.

These climatic conditions lead to long and steady increases in maturity levels, allowing fruit to pick at optimum levels for ripeness and flavour.

Red wine varieties for Lindeman's Coonawarra Trio were harvested throughout April and in to May. A cool and dry April was perfect for ripening, allowing for full flavour development and optimal sugar levels. Yields were in line with the long-term average.

Wines from the 2021 vintage reflect the cooler growing and ripening conditions in the very best way with intense colours and fine tannins guaranteeing cellaring potential for many years to come. An excellent Coonawarra vintage.

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**Grape Variety:** 71% Shiraz, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vineyard Region:** Coonawarra, South Australia

**Maturation:** 16 months in a mixture of new and seasoned American (69%) and French (31%) oak

**Harvest Date:** Late-March to early May 2021

**Bottling Date:** November 2020

**Tasting note:** Each component was berry sorted and fermented in open fermenters. The Shiraz was on skins for 10 days for maximum extraction of flavour and balanced tannins. The Cabernet was pressed while still sweet to undergo barrel fermentation in a mixture of new and used French barriques and both wines were matured in barrel for 16 months before a selection of the best barrels to make the blend. 100% Limestone Ridge Vineyard. This wine has a deep red colour with a vibrant purple hue, juicy blackberry and raspberry fruit aromas are supported by sweet oak aromas and savoury barrel ferment characters. The palate is elegant yet rich with fine grained structural tannins providing line and length. A wonderful expression of Limestone Ridge Vineyard Shiraz Cabernet from an exceptional vintage, sure to be one of the classics.

**Peak Drinking:** 2023 – 2038

### **Wine Analysis**

**Alc/Vol:** 14%

**pH:** 3.5

**Acidity:** 6.4g/L

**Residual sugar:** 0.5g/L

