

Lindemans Coonawarra Trio

The marketers have inflicted some dreadful damage upon the proud old Lindeman's label, not the least of which was Lindeman's Gentleman's Collection Coffee Shiraz, but the brand retains its dignity with a trio from Coonawarra.

The Lindeman's presence in Coonawarra runs back all the way to the 1950s when its Rouge Homme label became well known and highly regarded. In the seventies came St George and Limestone Ridge, later joined by Pyrus. Despite stylistic changes over time, the Lindeman's Coonawarra range has held firm, and maintains its place among the region's best.

Treasury Wine Estates have a significant investment in Coonawarra through their Wynns and Lindeman's brands, and it's obviously important that each maintains its own identity. In terms of fruit quality there's little or nothing between them, but when it comes to oak, the difference is significant.



LINDEMAN'S

FOUNDED BY DR HENRY LINDEMAN IN 1843

2018 Lindeman's St George Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon

Classic varietal aroma of blackcurrant, leaf and black olive together with a distinct oak influence. The palate is powerful, long and dry, requiring at least a decade's cellaring. (\$70.00) ★★★★★

2018 Lindeman's Limestone Ridge Coonawarra Shiraz Cabernet

Although it shows the most overtly toasty oak of the three, this is my pick of the wines. The dark berry, spicy shiraz fruit copes well, and the cabernet sauvignon (27%) contributes structure and a hint of leafiness. This one should cellar well. (\$70.00) ★★★★★

2018 Lindeman's Pyrus Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

Malbec The red berry fruit carries some toasty oak, but the palate is bright and "juicy," delivering plenty of fruit-derived aroma and flavour. Fine skin tannins provide structure, and oak again comes through on the finish. (\$70.00) ★★★★★

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