



ZEMA ESTATE

TRADITIONAL COONAWARRA

*Hand pruned. Estate grown.
Vintaged & Bottled*

REVIEW



Zema Estate Coonawarra Family Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Vino famiglia. The title often given to the odd barrel of house wine for grandpa in this instance goes to the best, finest assemblage in the family chais. More precise fruit and barrel selection, and an extra year in good French oak almost erases the rustic allure of the two 2013 reds. But not quite. This is the Zema Lambo.

The best Coonawarra Cabernet is one thing. Really posh French oak, like we rarely saw in the -80s, is another. In this case that wood adds lemon and a hint of wintergreen and mint to the already wildly alluring mess of hedgerow berries soaking in crème de cassis, drawing the whole glorious dish into precise focus.

While the 2013 wines will glow with a few more years in cellar, this extra refinement will carry this baby for well over a decade. In the meantime, I'd have it with a juicy, lemony saltimbocca.

\$46; 14% alcohol; screw cap

Philip White – February 2017