



Est. 1969

2016 Dry Red Wine No. 1

Cabernet sauvignon 66% Merlot 16% Malbec 15% Petit verdot 3%

Accolades

Langton's Classified "Outstanding"
97 Points, James Halliday, Wine Companion
97 Points, Huon Hooke, The Real Review
Gold Medal, Yarra Valley Wine Show 2018

Region

Yarra Valley (Gruyere)

Vines

The first plantings at Yarra Yering into block No.1 were these Cabernet vines and the name was born. The Malbec was also part of the original 1969 plantings. Some Merlot vines are interplanted with the Cabernet with subsequent plantings made in 1990 on the newly acquired neighbouring land. Petit verdot is now only grown on the hillside of the new territories.

Wine

A stylish Cabernet dominant lifted nose entwined with the complexities of the three other varieties present. Signature blackberry, aniseed, and sarsaparilla with lifted bergamot and bay leaf fragrance. A medium bodied wine style thanks to the Yarra Valley climate where a core of fruit and signature acid vibrancy are hallmarks, so too is the fine boned tannin structure.

In true Yarra Yering tradition, it combines power with poise, concentration with finesse.

Winemaking

All hand harvested as well as processing across a sorting table, only the best berries go into this wine. The Cabernet fruit is crushed to build structure through fermentation. Merlot, Malbec and Petit verdot are whole berry ferments for fragrance and palate flesh. All fermented in half-tonne fermenters and hand plunged twice daily, some of the Cabernet spending extended time on skins. Components kept separate in French oak barrels, only 40% of them new until being blended just before bottling after 15 months barrel maturation.

Cellaring

Often upon bottling this wine looks and tastes extremely juvenile, needing some bottle maturation to unfurl. While the 2016 growing season delivered wines with ample fruit flavour when young, history has shown this wine can have a long future. Under suitable cellaring conditions it will evolve for 20+ years if you wish to show restraint.

14 % ALC