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## 2022 Release Notes

2022 was our fourth consecutive season of well below expected yields with the vineyards producing between 60% and 80% less than the long-term average. The losses were largely the result of poor flowering after a wet and cold November. Thankfully, however, the wet spring was followed by another mild, dry summer giving us exceptionally well balanced wines that are bright, structured and well defined but not sweet or candied. We expect them to age very well, but also provide plenty of enjoyment in the near term.



### 2022 Gippsland

The Matthews vineyard was planted on red volcanic soil in 1998 and has always been dry grown. It is a cool, damp site and the vines grow dense, lush canopies. The resulting wine has a pale but bright colour and has aromas of raspberry, cherry and earth. The palate is spicy and fine, with more red fruits, dried herbs and subtle oak.

Alc 12.0%

Drink 2023 - 2035