



## 2010 Carrodus Merlot

**Grape Variety:** 100% Merlot

**Vine Age:** planted in 1969

**GI:** Yarra Valley

**ALC:** 13.5 %    **pH:** 3.29    **TA:** 7.7 g/l

**Summary:** The Carrodus range of wines was established in honour of Yarra Yering founder, Dr B.B Carrodus, a visionary and renaissance man who led the renewal of the Yarra Valley vine plantings in the late 1960's. Carrodus Merlot is sourced from the 1969 plantings intended for Dry Red No1. A strong parcel of fruit with vine age on its side has been identified and is processed separately.

**Vinification:** The fruit was harvested by hand fermented in the traditional 600kg tea chest fermenters. Hand plunged 3 times daily to ensure gentle extraction of tannins. Once the sugar had been fermented to alcohol the wine is drained and the skins basket pressed by hand. The wine then underwent malolactic fermentation in 100% new French oak barriques and was matured in barrel for 21 months absorbing the oak into its fabric, it carries the silky tannins seamlessly. No fining or filtration was employed before being bottled on site.

### Tasting Note:

**Colour:** Purple with a red tinge.

**Nose:** Mixed blue and black berry fruits with dried tobacco leaf adding interest.

**Palate:** Plush berry fruit with ample weight and softness. Some savoury spices intermingle with the firm tannins to deliver a Merlot of power and finesse.

**Notes:** The Carrodus Merlot is a small batch of wine and usually only one or two barrels are made each year under the right conditions. More Pommerol than Padthaway, this wine makes a grand statement for Merlot in Australia.



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