



2012 Dry Red No. 1

Variety

54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 15% Malbec, 8.3% Petit Verdot, 0.7% Carmenere

Region

Yarra Valley (Gruyere)

2012 in the Yarra Valley will go down as one of those exceptional vintages where all varieties achieved excellent quality. The resulting 2012 wines are beautifully balanced and integrated as young wines with the finesse and longevity that you've come to expect from this iconic vineyard.

Vines

Original 1969 plantings of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec with small percentages of 1990 planted Petit Verdot and Merlot.

Aroma & Bouquet

A medley of bright cherry, mulberry and plum fruits sit comfortably amongst leather and tobacco savoury oak characteristics.

Palate

An absolute powerhouse of fruit intensity, youthful from mouth watering acidity, soft powdery fruit tannins accompanied by a framework of structural oak tannins holding everything together. A classic Bordeaux style in that it is tightly wound, this is a wine for the long haul that will reward patience with abundance.

Winemaking

Hand harvested and crushed to 600kg tea chest fermenters, hand plunged twice daily with some extended time on skins post primary fermentation. Malolactic fermentation in 100% new French oak Bordeaux shaped barrels and aged for 20 months in the cool underground cellar. Each component picked, fermented and matured separately with blending prior to bottling.

Bottled via gravity without filtration.

Cellaring

Drinking beautifully at present but this vineyard has a proven pedigree and track record thus it will continue to evolve for a further 20+ years under suitable cellaring conditions.

13.5% ALC



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