



Yabby Lake Vineyard
Mornington Peninsula

2009 Yabby Lake Block 1 Chardonnay

2008/2009 Growing Season - Yabby Lake Vineyard, Mornington Peninsula

Overall 2009 was actually cooler than normal, except for a three day heat spike late in the season. Average winter rains lead to good bud break and good early season growth. The drought returned in spring with below average rainfall in September, October and November, but with access to recycled water for irrigation the dry period was not a worry and good healthy growth continued through December and early January. Flowering occurred in the first two weeks of November which were warm and dry so fruit set was very good requiring shoot and fruit thinning to most blocks.

Several days of extreme heat occurred in late January and early February. This affected some parts of the vineyard but fortunately, with plenty of irrigation water available, all recovered well. Vintage started on 19 February with rigorous hand selection in the vineyard to ensure that only the best fruit was delivered to the winery. Pinot noir was picked over a six week period, which was quite amazing. Harvest was completed on 8 April 2009.



Winemaker's Notes

The fruit was handpicked and whole bunch pressed into tight grain 500 litre French oak Puncheons. Fermentation commenced naturally after 8 days and was completed in 19 days. The wine was matured, without malolactic fermentation proceeding, on lees until bottling in February 2010.

The aroma is a complex array of citrus blossom, lemon rind, almond meal and a hint of struck match. The palate has a great depth of flavour and texture and is tightly wound together with a precise mineral intensity. The wine finishes pure and long.

CHARDONNAY TECHNICAL DETAILS

GROWING REGION	Mornington Peninsula (Tuerong) – Single Block
BLOCK	1
SUB BLOCK	1.2 & 1.3
ALCOHOL	12%
AGEING	Eight years under ideal storage conditions
CLONES	50% Mendoza, 50% P58 Clone
SOIL	Sandy Clay Loam with iron shot stone

Tom Carson, Chief Winemaker

Keith Harris, Chief Viticulturist

Our philosophy at Yabby Lake is simple - expression over impression.

These wines are crafted with minimal intervention in the winery to ensure they reflect the spirit of the season and the vineyard.

Winemaking is a complicated pursuit, but the results should not be.

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