



Yabby Lake Vineyard
Mornington Peninsula

2009 Yabby Lake Single Vineyard Chardonnay

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

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. Fortunately, with plenty of irrigation water available we immediately implemented a full irrigation program. Vintage started on 19 February with rigorous hand selection in the vineyard to ensure that only the best fruit was delivered to the winery (30% less fruit than forecast). Harvest was completed on 8 April 2009.



Winemaker's Notes

The fruit was handpicked, with each block handled separately in the winery to ensure each parcel could reach its potential. The fruit was whole bunch pressed into tight grain French oak barriques. Fermentation commenced naturally and was completed in about 18 days. The wine was matured on lees for 10 months, without malolactic fermentation proceeding, until bottling in February 2010.

This 2009 Yabby Lake Chardonnay has an intense, complex and pristine aroma. The palate has great depth of flavour and texture and is tightly wound together with a precise mineral intensity. The wine finishes with great purity. Stored carefully this wine will age gracefully for at least eight years.

CHARDONNAY TECHNICAL DETAILS	
GROWING REGION	Mornington Peninsula (Tuerong) – Single Vineyard
ALCOHOL	12%
AGEING	Eight years under ideal storage conditions
CLONES	58% Mendoza (38% Block 6, 20% Block 1), 30% P58 Clone (Block 1), 12% B76 clone (Block 7)
SOIL	Sandy Clay Loam with iron shot stone and light medium clay

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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