



Sunshine Creek

Yarra Valley

92+ Points - Gary Walsh – Winefront - Perfume, red and black fruits, tobacco and cedar oak. Medium bodied, blackcurrant and tobacco flavours, clean acidity, slightly loose knit grainy tannin, pleasing mouth-perfume, and a nice long savoury finish. Classic Yarra Cabernets".

Vintage 2013

Reasonable winter rainfall set the vineyard up for a good start with even budburst in all varieties. As the season progressed it became apparent that rainfall was likely to be scarce, and by flowering in December we had in place our dry season strategy. This is designed to keep the soil cool under the vines, there-by reducing vine stress, and encouraging longer than normal grasses to grow mid-row, reducing moisture loss.

As vintage approached I heard many comments about the early season, up to two weeks ahead in some vineyards, and was interested in the potential timing of our harvest. As it turned out, our Pinot (the first one to be picked) came in on exactly the same day as last year. It was close to the same for all other varieties, the exception being Cabernet Sauvignon, which just needed a bit of hang time to broaden its flavours.

Andrew Smith . Vineyard Manager



Cabernets

This blend of Cabernets were harvested and processed separately. The blend consists of the following varieties; Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Hand-picked, destemmed and crushed this wine was fermented in a mixture of closed open and wooden tanks. A mixture of wild and cultured yeasts have been used. These wines undergo a mixture of pump-overs, hand plunging and delastage. The wine is matured in French oak barriques for 18 months of which 30% are new. After maturation the wine is racked, blended, lightly filtered and bottled.

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot, this wine takes inspiration from the traditional Bordeaux style. It has a dark red colour and displays opulent aromas of blueberries, raspberries, a hint of violets, sweet vanilla and complex all spice characters. The palate is elegant and rich with a core of raspberries, blueberries and fruit sweetness with an alluring, silky and long tannin finish. Drink now or cellar for ten to twenty years.

Alcohol Content: 13.0%

Mario Marson . Chief Winemaker

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