

2013 YERINGBERG (BORDEAUX BLEND)

WINEMAKER : Guill and Sandra de Pury
REGION : Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS : Cabernet Sauvignon (65%), Cabernet Franc (10%)
Merlot (12%), Petit Verdot (7%), Malbec (6%)
MATURATION : 18 months in 100% French oak barriques(40% new)
ANALYSIS : 13.5% alc/vol | 5.8 g/L TA | 3.58 pH

WINEMAKING :

Yeringberg is always a 'field' blend, ie the vineyard and the vintage determine the final blend, not the winemaker. The vines were planted from 1969 - 2002, and the average vine age is well over 35 years. The fermenting musts were hand-plunged every eight hours during the fermentation to keep the cap moist and gently extract flavor and tannins. The wine was allowed to macerate on the skins for up to three weeks before pressing for further tannin extraction and development. The individual components were blended together in stainless tanks and completed a slow malolactic fermentation. The wine was transferred to French oak barriques (Allier & Tronçais) and stayed there over two winters, with several rackings and was lightly fined before bottling.

TASTING NOTES :

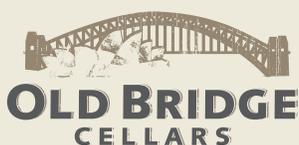
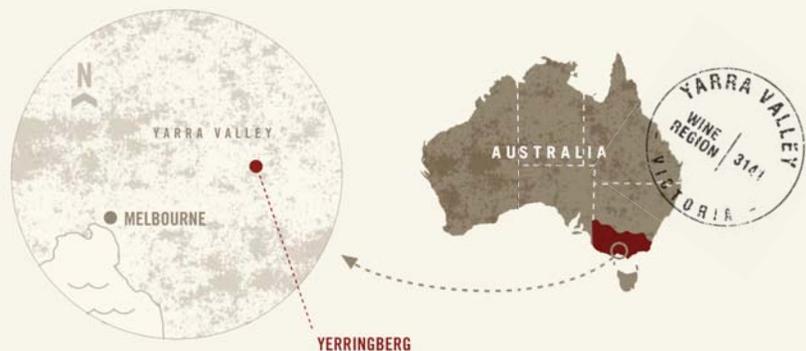
Exotic and enticing aromas of blackcurrant, pastille, tapenade, violets, plums and almost Christmas cake-like richness precedes a more restrained layer of graphite and cigar box. The palate is effortlessly elegant and restrained with serious depth and structure. Young and deceptively delicate initially, time in the glass sees the mid-palate really fill out and the savory structure sit almost invisibly into the deep, spicy fruit.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

94 pts Vinous, 92 pts Wine & Spirits, 91+ pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

ABOUT YERINGBERG :

Yeringberg was established in 1863 on pristine, cool climate vineyards in the Coldstream area of Yarra Valley. Guill de Pury and daughter Sandra make wines for the new millennium from the low-yielding vines re-established in the heart – just nine acres – of what was one of the most famous (and infinitely larger) vineyards of the 19th century. In the riper years, the red wines have a velvety generosity of flavor rarely encountered, while never losing varietal character; the long-lived Marsanne Roussanne takes students of history back to Yeringberg's fame in the 19th century.



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