

2015 YERINGBERG

YERINGBERG (BORDEAUX BLEND)



WINEMAKER:

Guill and Sandra de Pury

REGION:

Yarra Valley, Victoria

VARIETALS:

Cabernet Sauvignon (66%), Cabernet Franc (13%)

Merlot (8%), Petit Verdot (8%), Malbec (5%)

MATURATION:

20 months in 100% French oak barriques (40% new)

ANALYSIS:

14.0% alc/vol | 6.0 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 wines were blended together in stainless tanks and completed a slow malolactic fermentation. It was transferred in May to French oak barriques (Allier & Tronçais). The wine stayed in these barrels (40% new) over two winters, with several rackings and was lightly fined before bottling.

TASTING NOTES: A distinctive nose of blueberry, cassis, olive and violets gives way to a cool, complex and restrained layer of cigar box, Christmas cake and fresh earth, which in turn introduces a palate of almost surprising depth and structure. Seamlessly elegant, fresh and quietly unassuming at first, the palate, a textbook mid-weight, builds breadth and length as it sits in the glass; the structure evolving in perfect unison with the development of the old vine fruit. Certainly enjoyable now and a wine to continue to watch over the next 15+ years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts JamesSuckling.com, 93 pts Robert Parker 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.

