



2008 YERINGBERG

WINEMAKER :	Guill de Pury
REGION :	Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS :	Cabernet Sauvignon (49%), Merlot (21%), Cabernet Franc (11%), Malbec (10%), Petit Verdot (9%)
MATURATION :	24 months, 100% French oak barriques (40% new)
ANALYSIS :	14.5% alc/vol 6.2 g/L TA 3.49 pH

WINEMAKING :

Guill de Pury's winemaking process is as simple as possible, resulting in natural rather than over-worked wines. The grapes were handpicked, destemmed and crushed into small fermenting tanks. The fruit from each picking day was fermented in one batch and finished in Yeringberg's original underground cellars. The fermenting musts were hand-plunged every eight hours for seven days to keep the cap moist and gently extract flavor and tannins. The wine was allowed to macerate on the skins for several days after fermentation before pressing in a basket press. The wines were blended together in stainless tanks and completed a slow malolactic fermentation before being transferred in May to new and older French oak barriques (Nevers, Alliers and Tronçais). The wine stayed in these barrels for two winters, with several rackings. It was bottled with egg fining in February 2010.

TASTING NOTES :

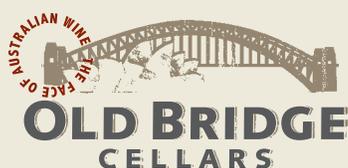
This is the 35th release of a Yeringberg. Intense aromas of cassis, violets and vanilla oak leap from the glass. The palate is savory with soft acid, perfectly ripe fruit and well balanced French oak. The tannins are typical of Yeringberg: elegant, soft and fine. The palate is intense yet elegant, varietally true and offers superb length and persistence, all traits typical of the Yarra Valley's top cuvees. Only 364 cases produced.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

93 pts James Halliday, **92 pts** Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **92 pts** Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

ABOUT YERINGBERG :

Yeringberg, located in Victoria's cool-climate Yarra Valley, has been home to the de Pury family since 1863. Frederic Guillaume de Pury migrated from Switzerland in 1850, first working with the de Castella's at "Yering", then later establishing his own cattle run, "Dalry". In time he bought a property which he named "Yeringberg," planted 30 hectares of vines, and established a reputation for fine wines. After the First World War, starlings, downy mildew, and market downturn led to the demise of the Yarra Valley vineyards. It was Guill de Pury, the third generation of the de Pury's to reside at Yeringberg, who breathed life back into this historic vineyard when he began planting vines in 1969 on the very same slopes chosen by his grandfather more than a century earlier. The total area of vines in the Yarra Valley is now the greatest it has ever been, but the Yeringberg vineyard remains a tiny five acres.



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