

2017 YERINGBERG

YERINGBERG (BORDEAUX BLEND)



WINEMAKER: Guill and Sandra de Pury
REGION: Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (60%), Cabernet Franc (16%)
Merlot (13%), Petit Verdot (6%), Malbec (5%)
MATURATION: 23 months in 100% French oak barriques (40% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.3 g/L TA | 3.48 pH

WINEMAKING: Yeringberg is always a 'field' blend, ie the vineyard and the vintage determine the final blend, not the winemaker. This is the 44rd consecutive vintage. 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 12 to 15 days 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) for 23 months, with several rackings and was lightly fined before bottling.

TASTING NOTES: This Yeringberg blend is what it is because, when it's on song, it's a wine of grace, completeness and elegant complexity, in which the bit players round out and add intrigue to the story being told by the main characters. Wonderful aromas of cassis, plum, violets, cigar box and clove dance effortlessly amongst notes of licorice, leather, tapenade and graphite - everything seamless, delicately rich and beautifully poised. The palate, fresh, savory and rounded, has an almost willowy elegance that gives a sense of lift and flow that belie the underlying depth of fruit and savory, superfine structure.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts JamesSuckling.com

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.

