

Yeringberg

2021

YERINGBERG

Red Wine | Yarra Valley - Australia

VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 58% Cabernet Sauvignon - 14% Merlot - 14% Malbec - 9% Petit Verdot - 5% Cabernet Franc
Vineyard: Yeringberg - The Old Block
Vine Age: Average 39-years-old (ranges 18-51-years-old)
Soil Type: Ancient weathered silty grey loam over a mudstone and calcareous siltstone
Viticulture: Regenerative
Fermentation: Inoculated – stainless-steel
Skin Contact: 12-21 days (destemmed & fully crushed)
Aging: 21 months in French barrique (40% new)
Alcohol: 13.5%
pH: 3.52
Total Acidity: 5.8 g/L
Total SO2: 108 ppm
Total Production: 276 cases

Reviews

Halliday Wine Companion | 98 points
James Suckling | 96 points
Vinous | 96 points

About

The 'Yeringberg' is the flagship of the iconic Yeringberg estate, and always a field blend where the vintage and site determines the final blend and not the winemaker, as it is always a field blend. Coming entirely off of the 'Old Vineyard Block', 2021 epitomizes the elegance of Yeringberg, with a very long and cool growing season allowing the Bordeaux varieties to creep along in their phenolic journey. The picks are rigorous and tedious with each batch being hand-harvested and each day's picks are fermented together with Merlot coming in first, followed by Franc and Malbec and finishing with Cab Sauv and Petit Verdot. This is the essence of Yeringberg, faithfully interpreting the vineyard in the winery, a method that has stood the test of time.

The fruit was fully destemmed and fermented in small open-top fermenters with gentle hand-plunging every eight hours for gentle extraction. Following 2-3 weeks on skins the wine is pressed to a mix of old and new (40%) French barrique for aging. Once malolactic fermentation finishes naturally, the blend is assembled and racked back to barrel on the fine lees. After a total of 21 months of aging the wine is racked to tank and naturally settled without fining. A gentle cross-flow filtration was done and it was bottled with a small sulfur addition.

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Tasting Note

A wine of remarkable composure, it unfolds slowly with layers of wild herbs & fruits with hints of tapenade and graphite. Graceful and finely woven, it carries its depth with ease, balancing silken tannins and luminous freshness in a wine that feels complete yet destined to evolve over the next decade and beyond.