

YARRA YERING

2018 LIMITED EDITION CROWE x GEORGE

75% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 25% MERLOT

Alcohol: 13.5%

VINES

1969 plantings of Cabernet Sauvignon were the first vines established at Yarra Yering in the now iconic Block No. 1. Somewhat unconventional, Merlot vines were interplanted within the Cabernet Sauvignon with a plan to replicate, if not improve upon, benchmark European wines of the same varieties.

WINEMAKING

All hand harvested and berry sorted across a sorting table with only the very best berries selected for this wine. The Cabernet fruit is crushed to build structure through fermentation and then left for one month of extended maceration with the skins to bring added complexity. This technique is used to build a richer wine, more supple in texture and with great ageing ability. The Merlot was a whole berry ferment to bring fragrance and palate richness. All fermented in our unique Yarra Yering half-tonne tea chest fermenters and hand-plunged for gentle extraction. Maturation in French oak barrels, 50% new for 15 months barrel maturation before bottling without fining or filtration.

WINE

The pinnacle of Yarra Yering's winemaking. Fragrant cranberry lift, fresh leather and cigar box on the nose. A heady palate of summer berries, cacao nibs and sweet and savoury spices. Beautiful fruit weight, gentle yet with great complexity and depth of flavour wrapped securely in a fresh acid line. Plentiful fine tannins form the foundation for a long future.

CELLARING

Released at 5 years of age, if cellared under suitable conditions it will evolve for another 20+ years. It is worth remembering that great wine is made to be enjoyed, and we have released this wine because it is drinking beautifully.

ACCOLADES

97 Points - Huon Hooke, The Real Review
95 Points - Philip Rich, Halliday Wine Companion 2025

