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YARRA VALLEY

2021 VINTAGE SINGLE VINEYARD ACCLAIM

2021 SEXTON VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

- 97 POINTS — Phillip Rich, *Halliday Wine Companion*, May 2022
- 96 POINTS — Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, June 2022
- 95 POINTS — Christina Pickard, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 2023
- 95 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, October 2022
- 94 POINTS — MaryAnn Worobiec, *Wine Spectator*, December 2022

2021 TARRAFORD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

- 95+ POINTS — Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, June 2022
- 95 POINTS — Phillip Rich, *Halliday Wine Companion*, May 2022
- 94 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, October 2022

2021 WOMBAT CREEK VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

- 95 POINTS — Christina Pickard, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 2023
- 94+ POINTS — Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, June 2022
- 94 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, October 2022
- 93 POINTS — MaryAnn Worobiec, *Wine Spectator*, December 2022

2021 APPLEJACK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

- 98 POINTS — Phillip Rich, *Halliday Wine Companion*, June 2022
- 96 POINTS — MaryAnn Worobiec, *Wine Spectator*, December 2022
- 96 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, June 2022
- 95 POINTS — Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, June 2022

2021 SEXTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

- 96 POINTS — MaryAnn Worobiec, *Wine Spectator*, December 2022
- 96 POINTS — Phillip Rich, *Halliday Wine Companion*, August 2022
- 96 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, June 2022
- 93+ POINTS — Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, June 2022

2021 PRIMAVERA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

- 97 POINTS — Phillip Rich, *Halliday Wine Companion*, May 2022
 - 95+ POINTS — Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, June 2022
 - 94 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, June 2022
 - 93 POINTS — MaryAnn Worobiec, *Wine Spectator*, December 2022
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2021 SEXTON VINEYARD CHARDONNAY



Appellation:	Yarra Valley
Varietals:	100% Chardonnay
Clones:	Gingin, Mendoza, 277, 96, 76, 78
Harvested:	February, 2021
Bottled:	7th December, 2021
Alc/Vol (%):	13.0
TA (g/L):	5.9
pH:	3.25
Cellaring:	Now - eight years

SEASON:

2021 was a terrific vintage for both vineyard quality and quantity. We had a wet spring followed by a healthy amount of sunshine and some well-timed rain in January, leading to large green healthy canopies. The overall temperature during the growing season was cooler than average which led to a long slow ripening period and great concentration of flavours and natural acidity.

VINIFICATION:

100% hand picked – a spectacular year with every block and clone contributing to the final blend. Whole bunch pressed, juice transferred to barrel by gravity with no settling. Fermented in 500L French puncheons. A small amount of bâtonnage and 20% malolactic fermentation. Maturation for 10 months in new and used French oak – 20% new, 80% older, Taransaud, Mercurey and D&J.

THE VINEYARD:

Location:	Gruyere
Planted:	1997
Elevation:	130 - 210 metres
Soil Type:	Grey clay loam over granite / ironstone
Aspect:	North facing slopes
Size:	30 Hectares

Located on the steep north facing slopes of the Warramate Ranges, the Sexton Vineyard is our premium Chardonnay Vineyard.

Being on the higher slopes, topsoil is thin and root systems have established themselves in shallow gravelly loams above a tough rocky clay base.

Bunch yields set naturally low in this environment, resulting in intensely flavoured fruit with high skin to juice ratio.

The predominant clones are GinGin and Mendoza which produce hens and chickens (large and small grapes on the same bunch), which results in high white tannin and phenolic content to balance the citrus flavours.

ACCOLADES:

97 points, Phillip Rich, Halliday Wine Companion

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2021 WOMBAT CREEK VINEYARD CHARDONNAY



Appellation: Yarra Valley
Varietals: 100% Chardonnay
Clones: I10V1
Harvested: Late March 2021
Bottled: 7th December, 2021
Alc/Vol (%): 12.5
TA (g/L): 5.3
pH: 3.36
Cellaring: Now - six years

SEASON:

2021 was a terrific vintage for both vineyard quality and quantity. We had a wet spring followed by a healthy amount of sunshine and some well-timed rain in January, leading to large green healthy canopies. The overall temperature during the growing season was cooler than average which led to a long slow ripening period and great concentration of flavours and natural acidity.

VINIFICATION:

100% hand picked - very small bunches.
Whole bunch pressed, juice transferred to barrel by gravity with no settling. Fermentation in four 500L French puncheons, some of which went through malolactic fermentation.
Bâtonnage in May and June.
Maturation for 10 months in new and used French oak – 25% new, 75% older, Mercurey, Taransaud and D&J.

THE VINEYARD:

Location: Gladysdale
Planted: 1988
Elevation: 410 metres
Soil Type: Volcanic loam (red / ferrous)
Aspect: North-east facing slopes
Size: 16 Hectares

Wombat Creek Vineyard is the highest altitude vineyard in the Yarra Valley, making it an ideal location for the production of extreme cool climate wines.

The vineyard was originally planted in 1988 with the intention of producing base wine for sparkling production but over the years has been gradually transitioned to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir for table wine.

The underlying ferrous (red) based volcanic soil and rock produce a distinctively soft yet long and firm palate that contrasts with the finer palates seen from the nearby Applejack Vineyard (basalt based volcanic).

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2021 PRIMAVERA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR



Appellation: Yarra Valley
Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir
Clones: MV6, G8V3
Harvested: March, 2021
Bottled: 21st January, 2022
Alc/Vol (%): 13.0
TA (g/L): 5.7
pH: 3.63
Cellaring: Two - ten years

SEASON:

2021 was a terrific vintage for both vineyard quality and quantity. We had a wet spring followed by a healthy amount of sunshine and some well-timed rain in January, leading to large green healthy canopies. The overall temperature during the growing season was lower than average which led to a long slow ripening period and great concentration of flavours and natural tannin structure.

VINIFICATION:

Hand picked, all fruit is chilled overnight to 12 degrees Celsius. Fermented in small oak fermenters and stainless steel open vats. The fruit was destemmed and sorted to create five individual, clonal, whole berry ferments. Every block from Primavera made it into the final blend – just a beautiful vintage on that red soil. All parcels were matured in French oak – 25% new, 75% older – for eight months in 225L barriques Taransaud, Vicard and D&J. Racked to blend, no fining, no filtration. Bottled by gravity.

THE VINEYARD:

Location: Woori Yallock
Planted: 2001
Elevation: 230 metres
Soil type: Red clay loam
Aspect: North and north-east facing slopes
Size: 12 Hectares

After discovering Yarra Valley wines 25 years ago Lou Primavera planted this vineyard in Hoddles Creek in 2001.




We have a long-standing relationship with the Primavera family - having sourced fruit from the vineyard for some years.

Testament to the increasing quality of this site, we are now producing a single vineyard Pinot Noir from Primavera.

ACCOLADES:

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Appellation:	Yarra Valley
Varietals:	100% Pinot Noir
Clones:	MV6, G5V15, POM5, D Clones
Harvested:	February - March, 2021
Bottled:	20th January, 2022
Alc/Vol (%):	13.5
TA (g/L):	5.0
pH:	3.65
Cellaring:	Two - ten years

SEASON:

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VINIFICATION:

Hand-picked, all fruit is chilled overnight to 12 degrees Celsius. The MV6 was fermented as 100% whole bunches, while the G clone was destemmed, soaked cold for five days, then allowed to warm gently into a wild ferment.

All parcels were matured in French oak – 25% new, 75% older – for 10 months in 225L barriques, Taranasaud, Vicard and D&J. Racked to blend, no fining, no filtration.

Bottled by gravity.

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