

DE BORTOLI
YARRA VALLEY
RESERVE RELEASE

Understanding our soil and vineyards continues to be the focus for the production of single vineyard wines from our Dixons Creek Estate. We are now starting to see a common thread in the detail and texture of wine from these older vineyards with some interesting influence from the season.

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah



SYRAH 2006

Region

Yarra Valley (Dixons Creek)

Appearance

Deep red with vibrant purple hues

Bouquet

Complex dark fruit aroma with white pepper, earl grey tea, tapenade, cardamom and spice

Palate

The palate is fine, complex and textured with layers of plum, spice and black olive.

Delivers finesse, elegance and structure with integrated supple tannins, excellent length and concentration.

Vintage Conditions

A mild but early start to the season was followed by good spring rain and a warm January. The weeks leading to harvest were ideal and delivered fruit in excellent condition. An excellent Yarra Valley vintage.

Winemaking

Syrah was sourced from our original 1971 plantings which are oriented to the west in a north-south row orientation. Fruit was hand-harvested in the cool of the morning into 8kg buckets and delivered direct to the winery, where it was hand-sorted to ensure only perfect material continued on to the fermenters. A combination of intact whole bunches and destemmed fruit was carefully tipped into 2 x 4.5 tonne fermenters. The fruit underwent natural fermentation via indigenous yeasts with

only the occasional plunge toward the end of fermentation to prevent over-extraction.

The wine was racked by gravity to barrel for 10 months in 1 to 3 year old French oak. The wine was then racked by gravity and filled to bottle without fining or filtration.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol : 14.0 % pH : 3.50 TA : 6.5 g/L

Cellaring

This is a detailed 'Old World Style' Syrah that will reward mid to long term cellaring under favourable conditions (constant 14°C – 16°C).

Suggested Cuisine

Try with Rare Aged Riverina Angus Beef

General Characteristics

● Dry / Sweet ●● Body

Steve Webber
Chief Winemaker

KEY	● Dry	●● Medium Dry	●●● Medium Sweet	●●●● Sweet
	● Light Bodied	●● Medium Bodied	●●● Full Bodied	