

rob dolan

2016 Black Label Four + One

black olive | truffle | dark cherry | silky tannins

Vintage Notes

"Vintage 2016 will be long remembered as the most compact growing season in living memory. A warm spring was followed by a warmer than average Summer but luckily we were spared from suffering through too many extreme over-40 degree spikes during the ripening period. The effect of this weather forced an acceleration of ripening but also a retention of fresh acidity due to the cool nights. It's not surprising then to see ripe, generous characters on the 2016 wines". *Mark Nikolich - Senior Winemaker*

Wine Notes

Colour	brick red
Aroma	mulberry, dark cherry + black olive
Palate	medium-bodied with a complex array of dark berry fruits + fine silky tannins
Cellar	up to 8 years

Viticulture

Region	Yarra Valley
Variety	Tempranillo 30% Shiraz 26% Barbera 13% Sangiovese 14% Grenache 11%
Vineyard	Yarraland Vineyard, Chirnside Park Boat O'Craigo Vineyard, Kangaroo Ground
Harvest	mid to late March 2016
Method	hand picked on all sites

Winemaking

Process	destemmed, whole berry, cold soak pre-ferment
Fermentation	hand plunged in 2-3 tonne open fermenters
Barrel	16 months in seasoned French Oak
Alcohol	13.5%
Winemakers	Rob Dolan + Mark Nikolich

