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2017 True Colours Cabernet Shiraz Merlot

blackberry | chocolate | plum | spice

Vintage Notes

“In contrast to the warm and compact growing season of 2016, Vintage 2017 saw a return to more traditional conditions. A cool and wet spring delayed budburst and flowering and consequently we had a later start to harvest in early March. Some truly ideal weather followed with about three to four weeks of blue skies and temperatures in the high 20's with no heat spikes. The even temperatures, cool nights and long ripening period provided us with some excellent fruit across all varieties.” *Rob Dolan – Winemaker*

Wine Notes

Colour	deep crimson
Aroma	cassis, black plum, mulberry, cedar, spice
Palate	dark berries, black olive, dried herb, fine silky tannins
Cellar	up to 10 years

Viticulture

Region	Yarra Valley
Variety	Cabernet Sauvignon (65%), Shiraz (25%), Merlot (10%)
Vineyard	Melba Valley Vineyard, Dixons Creek / Mandala, Dixons Creek / Killara Views, Gruyere / Yarraland, Chirnside Park / Michaels, Wandin East / Henley, Yarra Glen
Harvest	mid-late March 2017
Method	hand + machine picked

Winemaking

Process	vinified separately - all destemmed, crushed + cold soaked for 2 days prior to fermentation
Fermentation	combination of static fermenters and open pots, pumped over twice daily. maturation using new (average 30%) French oak for 18 months
Alcohol	13.5%
Winemakers	Rob Dolan + Mark Nikolich

