



YANGARRA

ESTATE VINEYARD

2010 VIOGNIER

OUR STORY

Yangarra Estate Vineyard is located in the northeastern foothills of McLaren Vale at the base of the Southern Mount Lofty Ranges. This district is known as Blewitt Springs and lies upon the North Maslin Sands geological formation. Our estate is a 420 acre sanctuary of wild pastures, towering gum trees, creeks, natural corridors and vines organically farmed in 35 individual blocks. We specialize in Rhône varieties grown mainly as traditional bush vines.

VINEYARD & VINTAGE

Viognier grown in Australia is commonly rich with an overt dried apricot character. Our Viognier emphasizes more restraint and finesse. We achieve this by picking the fruit earlier in the season from vines planted on an east-facing ridge in sand and ironstone gravel soils. A modified VSP (vertical shoot positioned) system regulates sunlight while pre-veraison fruit thinning helps to minimise bunch crowding and ensure even ripening.

The winter and spring brought welcomed rainfall after two previous winters with well below average rain. 2010 was a mild vintage with splashes of rain and moderate summer temperatures for even, slow ripening, producing wines with bright flavours and lively natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

2010 was the first vintage in our new winery. The grapes were hand-picked and tipped directly into our basket presses. Whole berries were carefully pressed, only pressing 60% of the extractable juice to eliminate any potential bitterness or astringency. No sulphur was added and the juice was transferred to barrel without any settling or fining. 100% wild yeast fermentation in barrels enhanced texture and complexity. The wine was matured for 12 months in older barrels, the lees retained and stirred monthly. The wine received no fining, just filtration.

TASTING NOTES

"A powerful wine and one I think will live a long life in the cellar. That long finish seems to firm up with some very authoritative acids and powdery tannins. A white for Grenache drinkers!"

- Peter Fraser, Winemaker

WINE DETAILS

REGION

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale,
South Australia

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Viognier

VINE AGE

7 year-old vines

ELEVATION

170 meters above sea level

ALCOHOL

13.5%

T.A.

7.1g/L

PH

3.38

BARREL AGING

12 months in 100% older French oak

WINEMAKER

Peter Fraser, Shelley Torresan

VITICULTURIST

Michael Lane

CASES

540 six-bottle cases

