

# YANGARRA

ESTATE VINEYARD

Yangarra is a biodynamic wine farm in the northeast of the McLaren Vale region in South Australia. Our philosophy centres around producing southern Rhone varietal wines only from our single vineyard estate that are an honest reflection of this special place.



**REGION:**

Kangarilla, McLaren Vale, SA

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:**

100% Roussanne

**VINE AGE:** 13 year-old vines

**ELEVATION:**

150m above sea level

**VITICULTURALIST:**

Michael Lane

**AGING:**

137 days in Ceramic Eggs

**ALCOHOL** 13.5%

**T.A.** 6.2 g/L

**PH** 3.45

**WINEMAKER:**

Peter Fraser, Shelley Torresan

**BOTTLES:**

3,060 bottles

## 2016 ROUX BEAUTÉ ROUSSANNE

Roux Beauté began as a winemaking trial in 2013, with the intention of growing and making an extraordinary Roussanne. The grapes fermented and matured on their skins in big 675L ceramic eggs. The resulting wine is luxuriously textured, and showcases the varietal flavours of Roussanne and the distinctive characters of the site. It will age wonderfully given time in the cellar.

"Roux", the French word for 'russet', is the likely part origin of the name Roussanne, and refers to the reddish tinge that forms on the skin of the yellow-green fruit. The name "Beauté" captures our intention to beautifully express the Roussanne varietal and its site.

### VINEYARD

We have a total of 3.5 hectares of Roussanne planted on our single vineyard estate. Roux Beauté is specifically hand-picked from Block 6 (1.0 Ha), our oldest Roussanne planting, which is 13 years old. These vines grow in soils of weathered sands and ironstone gravels.

The 2016 growing season was marked by a dry spring and was headed for a very early and compressed season. We had some mild summer rains which slowed the sugar ripening of the vines down, and helped give brightness and fleshiness to vintage.

The grapes were hand-picked on the 3rd of March (leaf/fruit day), and yielded 41 hectoliters per hectare. As much as we pick on sugar/acid balance, and importantly physiological characters, we also consider the biodynamic calendar where possible, with fruit days and flower days being the most desirable, and a root day avoided.

The vineyard is certified Biodynamic (certification # 11587) with Australian Certified Organic. We have quite a practical approach, with our philosophy focused around healthy and alive soil, which involves no use of synthetic herbicides or fungicides, use of compost and biodynamic preparations, use of sheep in winter to graze under vine, and minimal mechanical soil disruption.

### WINEMAKING

This Roussanne was hand-picked and mechanically sorted. 50% of the parcel was destemmed and crushed then fermented on skins in two 675L ceramic eggs. It remained on skins for 137 days before pressing. The remaining 50% was pressed into another two 675L ceramic eggs and went through fermentation without skin contact. The final blend of this vintage of Roux Beauté is comprised of 60% extended skin contact batch, and 40% without skin contact. Not fined. Certified organic/biodynamic.