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2023 Black Label Arneis

Vintage Notes

The 2023 vintage was challenging from the start. High rainfall in September, October and November caused issues with flowering as well as flooding parts of the Yarra Valley. Harvest was 2 to 3 weeks later than the recent norm but increasing warmth in March and April allowed us to pick the different varieties in an orderly manner. Quality is exceptional on Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir, crops are down about 20% but flavours as good as they get. While Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon volumes are down, the quality is good. All up, a challenging but rewarding vintage.

Rob Dolan – Winemaker

Wine Notes

Colour Pale lemon

Aroma Mandarin, orange blossom, nectarine

Palate Waxy white flowers, nashi pear, textured

Cellar Zero to 5 years

Nutrition 88 calories per 120ml glass

Occasion

As winter moves to spring, practice la dolce vita and share a pear, rocket and gorgonzola salad.

Viticulture

Region Yarra Valley

Vineyard Murrumong

Harvest 20 March 2023

Method Machine harvested

Winemaking

Process Crushed, destemmed and cold settled

overnight. Racked to barrel with light solids for barrel ferment, matured on lees for

9 months prior to bottling

Fermentation Barrel fermented, allowed to warm

to 25°C during ferment

Oak New (30%) and seasoned hogshead

for 16 months

Alcohol 13.5%

Winemakers Rob Dolan, Adrian Santolin + The Team