

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in Blewitt Springs, at the northern edge of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia. Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, high altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

2021 ROUX BEAUTÉ ROUSSANNE

Our unique vineyard with its weathered sand and ironstone soil, starts this Roussanne's journey towards being an extraordinary wine. Months mellowing on grape skins in large ceramic eggs ensure a wine of luxurious texture and distinctive flavour.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

We had a very favourable growing season, with good winter rains and a mild flowering and fruit set period. Continued spring rainfall ensured a healthy canopy. The yields were pleasing and showed good balance between vine vigour and moderate berry size. The ripening period that began late January was very cool, with some welcome rainfall in mid-February. This delayed harvest, and with the cold nights and mild sunny days we were very pleased with fruit ripeness and intensity. The freshness and bright natural acidity of the fruit were a real feature.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked on the 28th of March from Block 6 (1.0 Ha), our oldest Roussanne planting. A small parcel of Roussanne was included in the blend that was picked earlier on the 11th March. A portion is destemmed, crushed, and filled to 675L ceramic eggs. Fermented on skins and remained on skins for 121 days before pressing. Only the free draining fraction retained. The other portion is whole bunch basket pressed into amphora and fermented without skins. The final blend was 59% extended skin batch and 41% without skins.

ACCLAIM

97 POINTS — Andrew Caillard, *The Vintage Journal*, December 2022

95 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, October 2022



Roux Beauté Roussanne

VARIETY

100% Roussanne

YEAR PLANTED

1999 (grafted in 2003)

REGION

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale

BLOCK 6

1.0 hectares

SOIL

Weathered sands mixed
with ironstone gravels

GEOLOGY

North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

ELEVATION

175m above sea level

BD CALENDAR PICKING DAY

Flower

ALCOHOL

13.0%

PH

3.48

TA

4.8 g/L

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane