

# THE ESTATE VINEYARD

The Estate Vineyard wines are elegant, handcrafted wines that reflect the unique characters of the De Bortoli Yarra Valley Estate in Dixons Creek. Mature vines, minimal handling, thoughtful winemaking. Exceptional quality with a distinct sense of place. The Estate Vineyard takes the place of what was known as The Estate Grown.



#### THE ESTATE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2019

**Variety** Chardonnay

Region Yarra Valley

#### Vineyard

The Estate Vineyard consists of a series of small plots of mature Chardonnay. Located within a few hundred meters of one another, these plots consistently produce the finest, most detailed wines on the Estate. The oldest vines were planted in 1976 and the youngest plantings in 1994.

#### Season

2019 was a warm, early season with timely rain. Very good growing conditions. Good natural acidity with balanced flavours. Harvest started on the 19th February and finished on the 26th February.

#### Tasting Note

Pale straw with a green edge. Citrus florals, white flowers, cordite and nutty. Fine, minerally, salty, drying phenolics which give texture and interest.

#### Suggested Cuisine

Linguine with crab meat, chilli and lemon.

### General Characteristics

Medium Dry / Medium bodied

## Additional Information Vegan

FOUR GENERATIONS OF WINEMAKING

Winemaking

Grapes are hand picked, whole bunch pressed and allowed to settle for 4-6 hours. The turbid juice is then racked to new and used French oak casks where it undergoes natural fermentation. Lees are stirred in late autumn and then left to rest on lees until November.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.0%, pH: 3.21 TA: 5.5 g/L

Cellaring

Starting to show its pedigree and will continue to develop complexity and interest for 10 years in a good cellar.

Winemaker Steve Webber