



# Yarra Yering

Yarra Yering Dry Red No. 1 captivates with its harmonious blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot, delivering aromas of sarsaparilla and bay leaf, and a palate marked by concentrated fruit and poised acidity.



## Dry Red No. 1 2018

Victoria, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

The **Yarra Valley**, located in Gruyere, Australia, is renowned for its cool climate and diverse terroirs, which contribute to the production of high-quality wines. The region benefits from a moderate climate with significant diurnal temperature variation, providing an extended growing season that enhances the development of complex flavors in the grapes.

The first plantings at **Yarra Yering** were made in 1969, with Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec being among the original varieties. The vineyards are planted on a mix of well-drained soils, ideal for growing these grape varieties. The Merlot vines are interplanted with Cabernet Sauvignon, while Petit Verdot is grown on the hillside of newly acquired land. These unique conditions allow for the creation of wines with distinctive character and depth.

### Winemaking

The **Yarra Yering Dry Red No. 1** is meticulously crafted, beginning with hand-harvesting and careful sorting of the best berries. The winemaking process involves crushing the Cabernet Sauvignon to build structure during fermentation, while Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot undergo whole berry fermentation to enhance fragrance and palate flesh.

Fermentation takes place in half-tonne fermenters with twice-daily hand plunging, and some Cabernet Sauvignon sees extended skin contact. The individual components are aged separately in French oak barrels, with only 40% being new, for **15 months** before being blended just prior to bottling. This approach ensures that each variety's unique characteristics are preserved and integrated seamlessly into the final blend.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red
- **Aroma:** A lifted nose with complex aromas of blackberry, aniseed, sarsaparilla, bergamot, and bay leaf.
- **Palate:** Medium-bodied with a vibrant core of fruit and signature Yarra Valley acidity. The palate is finely structured with elegant tannins and a long, poised finish.

## Did You Know?

**Yarra Yering** is one of the most acclaimed wineries in Australia, with its wines consistently receiving high praise from critics. This wine, classified as "Outstanding" by Langton's, reflects the winery's commitment to quality and tradition.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Lamb:** The robust flavors of grilled lamb complement the wine's blackberry and aniseed notes, while the acidity balances the richness of the meat.
- **Beef Bourguignon:** The wine's complex aroma and structured palate enhance the savory flavors and tender texture of this classic dish.
- **Aged Cheddar:** The sharpness of aged cheddar pairs well with the wine's vibrant fruit and fine tannins, creating a harmonious balance of flavors.
- **Herb-Crusted Pork Loin:** The aromatic herbs and succulent pork are a perfect match for the wine's fragrance and medium-bodied structure.



### James Halliday (JH) : 98 Points (2017)

*A classic blend of 70% cabernet sauvignon, 18% merlot, 8% malbec and 4% petit verdot. Hand-picked and sorted, crushed and destemmed, open-fermented, on skins for up to a month, matured for 12 months in French oak (35% new). This is the serious side of '17. The aromas and flavours are still fresh and vibrant, but the palate, in particular, brooks no argument: this is a wine for protracted cellaring to allow the whipcord-tight structure to relax its grip. \*Gold\* (6/2021)*



### James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2017)

*This is complex and very rich with sliced berries, spices and flowers throughout. Full-bodied. Very soft and fine tannins on the palate. Long and flavorful finish. Extremely balanced and refined. (5/2019)*



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**Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2017)**

*I collect this wine each vintage. I believe it's one of the great Cabernet blends in Australia, driven in no small way by the deft hand and precise palate of winemaker Sarah Crowe. It's the handling of tannin and the way the fruit has a luminous vitality (in sync with those tannins) that make it great. So, this 2017 Dry Red No 1 is everything I have just explained. It's alive in the glass, and after recently completing a vertical tasting of these wines back to 2013 (a small window I know), it is clear to me that these wines remain a precious part of Australia's wine story. They are SO YARRA . . . in the best possible way. (EL) 97+ (11/2022)*



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