

KOORYONG



Clonale by Kooyong 2016 – Tasting Notes

The Kooyong vineyard is located on the Mornington Peninsula at Tuerong, on Miocene sedimentary soils. Our wines are made from domain grown, handpicked grapes and aim to manifest terroir: the integration of our geology and soils with the macroclimate of our region, the mesoclimates of the various sites within our vineyard and the weather of the annual grape growing season. Our cultural operations in the vineyard and practices in the winery endeavour to articulate these unique characteristics diligently, respectfully and without artifice.

Vineyard

The 2016 Kooyong Clonale is a blend of Chardonnay from our Tuerong and Balnarring vineyards.

Winemaking

The grapes are gently whole-bunch pressed directly into French oak barriques (10% new), where fermentation takes place without inoculation. After fermentation, the wine is aged on lees (without battonage) for 10 months. It is bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

Vintage

September 2015 welcomed the beginning of budburst leading to a dry and warm spring. October was 3 degrees above the average temperature and El Niño affected the amount of rain we received. Vine vigour was controlled due to the lack of rainfall with

the canopy generous and open. Fruitfulness was up from the previous vintage and flowering and fruit set occurred unhindered. Veraison commenced in early January.

The period between January and mid-March was warmer than historically usual and harvest began at the same time in February as recent vintages. Conditions remained very dry and warm throughout the harvest period, it was a compact vintage finishing in mid-March. The viticultural team worked steadily throughout harvest and delivered healthy and energetic fruit, with ripeness and acidity well balanced.

Tasting Note – December 2016

Aromatically pure and airy, the nose delivers notes of lime, green apple and white peach along with some subtle smoky reduction. The palate offers flavours of grapefruit and nectarine combined with a lovely texture that pushes towards a pithy finish.

Alcohol

13.5%