



## Clonale by Kooyong 2017 – Tasting Notes

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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 2017 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 (8% new), where fermentation commenced spontaneously with ambient yeasts. Following fermentation, the wine is aged on lees (without battonage) for 10 months. It is bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

### Vintage

September was cold and wet and the predicted La Niña did not fully eventuate. The cold weather continued throughout October and November and the soils remained cool for longer than usual, resulting in a flowering period which was almost twice as long

as usual. There was some reduction in fruit-set that resulted in lower than average yields.

Throughout the growing season disease pressure was quite high. While the season presented us with challenges, the diligence and hard work of the viticultural team ensured the health of our vineyards. We continue to produce our estate made compost and our fungal compost tea. Our knowledge of our properties continues to evolve, providing a strong foundation for future years.

Mild conditions and the occasional rain storm lengthened the harvest period. Picking concluded mid-April, for some of our blocks this was the latest they had been picked in over a decade. The wines are showing a finesse and coolness from the longer growing season, with great acidity and bright flavours.

### Tasting Note – January 2018

Pale yellow-green. A distinctly cooler nose to the 2017 Clonale, with scents of lime, fresh cream, ginger and cashew. The spicy, intense and acid driven palate delivers mandarin and white stone fruit flavours and finishes with excellent length, power and chalky dryness.

### Alcohol

13.0%