

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.

2023 ROUSSANNE

Intrigued by this rare golden beauty, whose origins lie in the Rhône Valley of southern France, we have been producing Roussanne since 2007. Expect fragrance, power, and savoury textural delight with great rewards in the cellar, for those who can wait.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The growing season began with significantly higher than average rainfall. The cool, wet conditions continued through Spring, setting us up for balanced canopies and lower yields. La Niña weather patterns forecasted cooler temperatures and continued rainfall for harvest. We were able to enhance vineyard practices such as shoot thinning and leaf removal to promote airflow, reduce mildew and increase sun exposure to bunches. From our experience, a cold vintage in a warm region can produce some of the best wines. Due to the cultural practices implemented, we were able to pick the majority of the vineyard in a three-week window prior to Easter, completed in early April. Wines produced from this vintage will be some of the prettiest and most delicate from the Estate.

WINEMAKING

Sourced from two blocks within our estate. Hand-picked on the 26th and 29th of March and basket pressed, retaining earlier free run for this blend. No sulphur or acid was added to the juice. The passive oxidation as juice helps to naturally fine out the unstable phenolic compounds associated with this variety and accentuates its trademark texture. The un-fined and unsettled juice was transferred to mostly older French oak puncheons for wild yeast fermentation. No MLF. Matured for 8 months and stirred monthly with lees retained before racking and blending prior to bottling. Bottled February 2024.



ROUSSANNE

VARIETY

100% Roussanne

YEAR PLANTED

1999 (grafted 2003)

REGION

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale

SOIL

Sand and ironstone

GEOLOGY

North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

ELEVATION

175-190m above sea level

ALCOHOL

13.5%

PH

3.49

TA

5.7 g/L



WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane