

Red 5 Star Rating - Outstanding winery regularly producing wines of exemplary quality and typicity.

Family owned, Rochford Wines is a must visit destination in the picturesque Yarra Valley. The vineyard and winery incorporates an acclaimed restaurant, cellar door and shop, together with other purpose built facilities – a pavilion, amphitheatre and lakeside deck - to service fabulous outdoor concerts, summer food and wine festivals, and a host of other functions and events.

Our wines have earned great respect, being hand crafted using fruit sourced from four exceptional vineyards. Our viticultural practices are based around maintaining balance in the vineyards, sustainability and responsive to changing environmental conditional. Our wine making philosophy is to produce the best fruit possible in the vineyard, handle the fruit gently to preserve fruit character, minimise extraction and allow the wines to express the individuality of the vineyard and each growing season.

Rochford Yarra Valley has become a showpiece of the region, widely acclaimed for its wine and food and its contribution to wine tourism, having outstanding facilities for every scale of function or event, from intimate weddings or a diversity of corporate functions, to grand outdoor concerts.

Through passion and dedication to customer service, the team at Rochford aim to provide visitors with an engaging and very memorable experience.



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Rochford Wines – Yarra Valley Scores an 'Exceptional' 98 in Halliday Wine Companion 2019



Premier Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2017

Bright, clear crimson: a great pinot noir with almost freakish mouth-watering power and intensity. It's a narrative that fills all the senses: plums, cherries and berries woven through with fine suspended tannins and spices that will develop continuously over time. Rating 98 Drink to 2037



Premier Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2017

From the Swallowfield vineyard at Gembrook, crushed and pressed direct to French oak (20% new), wild-fermented, mlf (**Michelle/Nic - this means malolactic fermentation by the way) matured for 10 months. The mlf seems obvious on the bouquet; has grapefruit up front, continuing through the mid-palate; richer and rounder, the most complete. Rating 97 Drink to 2020



'Terre' Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2017

Clones I10V1, 76 and 96 from the Swallowfield vineyard, hand-picked 27 Marc; the only Rochford Chardonnay not to undergo mlf. Greater purity, but, counterintuitively, has softer acidity. Rating 96 Drink to 2026



'L 'Enfant Unique' Pinot Noir 2017

The colour is markedly younger than Dan les Bois as are the flavours, clone MV6 to the fore. Here the whole-bunch component (20%) is simply part of a much bigger and enduring bouquet and palate of very high quality; it's flush with varietal fruit, filling a framework of texture and structure. Rating 96 Drink to 2035



Isabella's Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2017

From Block 2 of the Briarty Hill Vineyard, the site protected from wind and frost, hand-picked 23 February, identical vinification to its Chardonnay siblings. Fragrant bouquet, higher acidity clamps the fruit; will evolve. Rating 95 Drink to 2024



'Dans les Bois' Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2017

Hand-picked from a vineyard at Gembrook, crushed and pressed direct to French oak (20% new) for wild fermentation and 10 months maturation on lees. Bright straw-green; mouthwateringly bright and intense, grapefruit and lemon, yet ripe. Has all the expected length and drive. Rating 95



'Dans les Bois' Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2017

Pale red colour, but there's nothing pale about the impact of the bouquet and palate. The 50% whole-bunch component drives the wine, with scant respect for observers; at once spicy, tangy and buzzing with red fruits. Rating 95 Drink to 2032



Estate Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2017

Fuller, richer and more conventional, the whole bunches have less impact on the colour, the aromas and flavours; here balck cherry and plum beat the pinot drum with gay abandon. Very good now, even better to come. Rating 95 Drink to 2032



Rochford Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2017

Counterintuitively, has the deepest and brightest colour; a rich powerhouse that has no right to be as good as it is. Perfectly pitched spices illuminate both the bouquet and palate; whole bunches playing a role, as do tannins. Rating 95 Drink to 2032



Estate Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2017

Multiple batches hand-picked in February and March, standard Rochford Chardonnay vinification. Grapefruit, white peach and green apple do all the heavy lifting, oak playing a backdrop role. Lacks the drive of the best. Rating 94 Drink to 2023



Latitude Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2017

From 20yo vines, open-fermented with 20% whole bunches, matured for 10 months in barrel (20% new). The whole bunch signature sits demurely in the corner letting the destemmed fruit have its say. The flavours are long lasting , and very well balanced. Rating 94 Drink to 2025