

TARRAWARRA

ESTATE

Founders Marc and Eva Besen purchased the property at TarraWarra in 1979, initially as a family retreat. Thanks to their love of the wines of Burgundy, and with encouragement from legendary winemaker Dr John Middleton, they planted the first 6 hectares of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in 1983.

The vision to create and share a unique and beautiful place is driven by gratitude to this country that opened its arms and homes when Marc Besen arrived in 1947. Together we strive to fulfil his vision for TarraWarra, as custodians, we are defined by heritage and a deep sense of place.

Our subterranean Cellar Door first opened in 2016 and has been designed to give our guests a unique insight into the wines and story of TarraWarra. A tasting through our range is a journey across the Estate as well as through the seasons as each wine captures something of the essence of TarraWarra.

White wines by the glass / bottle

2025 Estate Rose 16 / 55

Soft, textured, perfumed strawberry, fresh, dry & delicious.

2024 Roussanne Viognier Marsanne 16 / 60

Ripe peach and citrus with hints of apricot, complimented by ginger and white pepper.

2024 Estate Chardonnay 18 / 60

Creamy yet fine texture, this wine shows elegant complexity with appealing freshness.

2024 Swallowfield Vineyard Chardonnay 29 / 115

Intense concentration and depth, anchored by a savoury core of roasted hazelnut and almond praline.

2024 Southern Slope Vineyard Chardonnay 29 / 115

A vibrant citrus drive, led by the native lift of lemon myrtle and bergamot on the palate.

2022 South Block Chardonnay 65

Inviting aromas of lime and fig sit well amongst the generous flavours of white peach and melon.

2021 Reserve Chardonnay 85

Notes of oyster shell, roasted nuts and lemon citrus. A perfect balance between fruity generosity, crispness, and acidity.

2017 Estate Chardonnay 55

Grapefruit and lemon zest aromas with underlying notes of cashew nuts. This wine shows an elegant complexity with appealing freshness.

Red wines by the glass / bottle

2024 Estate Pinot Noir	21 / 80
Listed raspberry aromas with a hint of earthiness.	
2024 Swallowfield Vineyard Pinot Noir	29 / 115
Expressive flavours of pomegranate, sour cherry and sarsaparilla offer brightness and sweet fruit expressions.	
2023 Barbera	18 / 55
Youthful varietal wine with fine tannins, fresh acidity and a touch of oak.	
2023 Nebbiolo	21 / 80
Typical rose & smoked meat aromas, the finely fruited palate driven home by a tannin grip.	
2023 Estate Shiraz	19 / 65
Spicy, peppery style with plenty of savoury spice inputs.	
2020 K Block Merlot	18 / 45
A wine with appealing plum, dark fruit & savoury spice.	
2021 Reserve Pinot Noir	100
Finely layered palate with pure fruit, fine texture & a wonderful persistence of flavour	
2016 Reserve Pinot Noir	110
Aromas of cherries, rose petals and restrained cedar oak, the wine shows restrained complexity on the nose.	
2021 Nebbiolo	85
This wine has the typical rose and smoked meat aromas, the finely fruited palate driven home by a tannin grip.	

Local legends

After lunch

2017	De Bortoli Noble One	<i>Riverina</i>	18 / 80
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Sparkling

2021	Georgia Dale XLXI Blanc de Blancs	<i>King Valley</i>	95
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White varietals

2024	Kooyong 'Beurrot' Pinot Gris	<i>Mornington Peninsula</i>	45
2023	Jayden Ong 'Storm Bird' Sauvignon Blanc	<i>Mount Toolebewong</i>	60

Red varietals

2019	Yarra Yering Agincourt Cabernet Malbec	<i>Yering</i>	140
2022	Mount Mary Quintet	<i>Gruyere</i>	300

International

Bottle

Sparkling

NV	Pierre Gimonnet & Fils Cius 1er Blanc de Blancs	<i>Champagne</i>	140
NV	Agrapart & Fils Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs	<i>Avize, Champagne</i>	300

White varietals

2023	Domain Wachau Gruner Veltliner Terrassen	<i>Austria</i>	65
2023	Dr Loosen Berkaster Lay Kabinett	<i>Germany</i>	80
2022	William Févre Chablis 1er Cru 'Vaillons'	<i>Burgundy, France</i>	180

Red varietals

2021	Massolino Langhe Nebbiolo	<i>Serralunga d'Alba, Italy</i>	85
2021	WillaKenzie Willamette Valley Pinot Noir	<i>Oregon, US</i>	120
2022	Benjamin Leroux Cote de Nuits Village	<i>Burgundy, France</i>	145
2021	Rene Rostaing Cote-Rotie 'Ampodium' Syrah	<i>Northern Rhone, France</i>	200

Looking Towards Vintage 2026

Like many years in the Yarra Valley, this growing season has brought its share of challenges. November delivered significant rainfall across both our Estate and Swallowfield Vineyards, creating pressure on the vines. Despite these conditions, the vineyards are looking fantastic. Remarkably, we've seen no signs of disease—a testament to the hard work and vigilance of our vineyard team. Flowering has progressed well for key varieties such as Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, with fruit set looking promising. Swallowfield Vineyard is still in the flowering stage, so it's a little early to call the outcome there, but we're optimistic. At the same time, bunch counts are underway to help us assess yields and determine whether crop thinning will be needed. These decisions are always made with vine balance in mind, considering canopy health, vine age, and overall growth.

This season's slightly later development compared to the past two years will hopefully push harvest back by a week or two. That's generally positive—it means we're less likely to be picking in the peak of the summer heat. A later harvest often allows for a more gradual ripening period, where flavours, sugars, and tannins develop in better balance. For us, that typically translates into wines with greater freshness, complexity, and balance. Weather patterns can shift quickly, and the outcome will depend on what Mother Nature delivers over Summer. For now, we're encouraged by what we're seeing and will keep a close eye on the vines as the season unfolds.

By Sarah Fagan, wine maker

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