

SWALLOWFIELD VINEYARD



1901

Swallowfield Property established by William Russell, descendant of Sir Henry Russell of the Swallowfield Park estate, UK. Initially 1000 acres.
Native bush logged by hand as a business venture, creating the pastures we farm today.

1930

After land was gifted to the Scout's movement "Lord Baden-Powell visited Swallowfield, inspected the camp and found that all was in order."
For the next 60 years Swallowfield was a cattle stud.

1985

Phillip Abela purchases Swallowfield from John Russell. Phillip's friend Graham "Shifty" Chandler suggests "you need a hobby" and thus planting of the vineyard we know today begins in 1990.
Early vintages were sold to Rosemount and subsequently Hardy's and Chandon. The fruit was considered superb for sparkling wine.

2000

Further vineyard expansion to the east of 4.3ha.

2019-2023

Fruit sold to several local producers such as Rochford, Mac Forbes, Timo Mayer, Jayden Ong and Seville Estate.