



Tony Bish Wines

2022 Vintage Overview

An extremely early bud-burst had our growers on their toes, with frost fighting and early season vineyard work required. Global warming seems very evident, as early bud-bursts have become the norm it seems. Early season saw reasonably high rainfall, but then the heat kicked in and Growing Degree Days slowly climbed to record high levels. The berry size was small as a result, giving good skin to juice ratio that typically leads to high intensity wines. The critical harvest period was overall good, but a couple of rain events caused some disease pressure. As always at Tony Bish Wines, meticulous hand-picking resulted in an extremely clean and delightful harvest, although this intensive work came at a high labour cost. Such is the nature of winemaking, and a capricious season! The winemaking approach was critical to quality, with very gentle pressing and selective fractions of juice being prioritised for our barrel ferment and concrete egg fermenters. The resulting wines have been extremely well received with great point scores for all our wines. The efforts in the vineyard and winery certainly made a significant difference, and we are extremely proud of these 2022 wines which have purity, intensity, balance and length. The highlight was our 2022 Skeetfield. This dry-farmed old-vine Mendoza clone block shone throughout, producing a truly great vintage of Skeetfield that will cellar well for 6-8 years.



All the team help out in vintage - Tigs, our Bar and Cellar Door manager tasting the fruit.