

Ocean Eight 'Verve', Mornington Peninsula, Chardonnay 2015



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Awards

Matthew Jukes Best 100, 2018

17.5 Pts, Jancis Robinson, 2018

Producer Note

Owned by the Aylward family - founders of the renowned Kooyong winery- Ocean Eight was established in 2004 in the southern and cooler side of Mornington Peninsula. In their state-of-the-art, temperature controlled, gravity fed winery, winemaker Mike Aylward produces stunning cool climate Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, taking influence from the great old world wine regions of Alsace, Burgundy and Champagne. All the grapes for the Ocean Eight wines are sourced from the family's 17 hectares of vineyard and their total production each year is just 5,000 cases.

Vintage

The 2015 vintage was characterised by a mild and dry summer, which presented excellent growing conditions for the grapes destined for the Verve Chardonnay. The grapes were harvested at the desired level of maturity and the healthy fruit was of very good quality. This vintage has produced wines with the potential to age gracefully.

Vineyard

The grapes come from a 2.5 hectare block of Chardonnay in an established vineyard of 20 year old vines. The clones are a mix of P58, I10, 96 and 277. Situated at an elevation of 65 metres with a north western orientation, the vineyard has a great airflow, which minimises disease pressure as the canopy dries quickly. The soil is sandy loam which provides excellent drainage, essential nutrients for vine health and imparts a minerality to the flavour profile.

Winemaking

The fruit was picked to highlight the citrus spectrum, in particular grapefruit, hence the name 'Verve' which accurately describes the racy character of this wine. The grapes were whole bunched pressed and gravity fed to old French barriques without settling. A spontaneous fermentation took place with wild yeasts. The wine spent 10 months in oak and was fined with bentonite, prior to bottling.

Tasting Note

The name Verve encapsulates its style, showing distinctive grapefruit and lemon on the nose enhanced by a subtle minerality. The palate almost gives you the illusion of richness due to the intensity of the fruit, then the crisp, dry finish lingers in an everlasting finale.

Grape

Chardonnay 100%



Winemaker:	Michael Aylward
Region:	Victoria
Sub region:	Mornington Peninsula
Country:	Australia
Alcohol:	12.5%
Dry/Sweet value:	2 (1 is dry, 7 is very sweet)
Residual Sugar:	0.8
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic:	No/No
Product Code:	54910151
Case unit of measure:	12X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Screwcap