



# Little Yering

Yarra Valley is located in the state of Victoria, and home to the first vineyard plantings in the region. In 1838 the first vines were planted at Yering Station, in the 'heart' of the Yarra Valley. Today, the Rathbone Family owns and operates the Yering Station property. The Yarra Valley is predominantly planted with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The moderate climate of the valley offers a long ripening period, allowing the acidity to build consistently without heat spikes to bake the fruit and drive up sugar levels. The cooler climates is where you will commonly find these Burgundian varietals, such as Okanagan, Oregon, and cooler areas of New Zealand and Australia. The high elevation (up to 500 meters) is one of the determining factors that make the Yarra Valley one of Australia's coolest wine regions. Yarra Valley is also close to Melbourne, only an hour drive from the city. Proximity to the major centre brings lots of local wine tourism to the area. Chill to 16 degrees Celsius and allow to warm slightly in your glass as you enjoy! Drink over the next two years.

**Varietals:** Pinot Noir

**Region:** Yarra Valley, Australia

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Price:** \$19

## Eyes

Clean and light, the wine is fairly translucent. In the glass, the wine is crimson, the colour of ripened fuji apples.

## Nose

We featured the 2008 Little Yering several years ago and compared our notes. The nose is fairly consistent, with freshly picked strawberries, raspberries and even some red licorice. The current vintage is a little more restrained and also has light notes of violets.

## Mouth

We find great acidity and fresh red fruits up front. This is a light bodied and delicate Pinot, but not wimpy or simple. There is finesse and restraint that emphasizes the elegance of the fruit. Soft tannins with only 9 months in neutral oak. Raspberry and strawberry from the nose translate through to the palate.

## Food Pairing

Over the holidays, this wine will be ideal with pork tenderloin or duck and a redcurrant sauce.



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## Eyes

**Clarity:** clear - cloudy - dull

**Intensity:** pale - medium - deep

**Colour:** purple - ruby - garnet - brick - brown

## Nose

**Intensity:** light - medium - pronounced

**Aroma:** cherry - strawberry - raspberry - plum - blackberry  
blueberry - blackcurrant - prune - jam - licorice - chocolate - flowers  
vanilla - oak - smoke - pepper - coffee - leather - game - mint - green  
pepper - earth - tar - stones - minerals

## Mouth

**Sweetness:** dry - off-dry - sweet

**Acidity:** low - medium - high

**Tannin:** low - medium - high

**Body:** light - medium - full

**Flavour:** cherry - strawberry - raspberry - plum - blackberry  
blueberry - blackcurrant - prune - jam - licorice - chocolate  
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**Finish:** short - medium - long

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