

CRITTENDEN



RED FIVE STAR WINERY

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“Outstanding Winery Regularly Producing Wines
Of Exemplary Quality And Typicity.

Will Have At Least 2 Wines Rated At 95 Points Or Above,
And Had A Five – Star Rating For The Previous 2 Years”.



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PINOCCHIO SERIES



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NOSE = A beguiling nose of lychees and ginger with a delicious frizzante.

PALATE = Apple sherbert and citrus with lychee and ginger. The sweetness is balanced by refreshing acidity and playful bubbles.

DRINK WITH = Tiramisu.

CELLARING = Drink now.

N/V Pinocchio Moscato 6.5% Alc

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NOSE = The aroma is punctuated by the classic varietal fragrance of fresh apple blossom, nashi pears and lemon zest.

PALATE = The mouth is full and lightly creamy with a refreshing citrus drive and vibrant long lasting bead (bubbles).

DRINK WITH = Good friends, sunshine and your favourite antipasti selection.

CELLARING = Definitely a wine made for early enjoyment.

N/V Pinocchio Prosecco 10.5% Alc

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NOSE = Savory aromatics of honeysuckle and fresh cut hay.

PALATE = Textural flavours of pears and lemon juice.

DRINK WITH = Antipasto, pan fried calamari, buffalo mozzarella salad with cherry tomatoes and green olives.

CELLARING = Drink now or over the next 2 years.

2023 Pinocchio Pinot Grigio 12.0% Alc

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NOSE = A lively core of berry fruit.

PALATE = Clean vibrant acidity and a nice dry finish.

DRINK WITH = Salad Nicoise, Mexican fish tacos, ceviche.

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Pinocchio Rosato

12.0% Alc

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NOSE = Berries and Morello cherries.

PALATE = A long, dry finish with a refreshing spine of acidity and firm tannins.

DRINK WITH = Tuscan bean soup, spinach and ricotta cannelloni, Margherita pizza, spaghetti Bolognese.

CELLARING = Drink now or over the next 6 years.

2022 Pinocchio Sangiovese 14.0% Alc

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STORY = This range of classic French varieties is unashamedly designed for youthful drinking and is part of the family's quest to produce premium but affordable wines from grapes grown in several cool climate regions of Victoria.

NOSE = Hints of white peach and melon.

PALATE = A vibrant fruit finish.

DRINK WITH = Chicken terrine, creamy vegetable soup, salmon fish cakes.

CELLARING = Drink now or over the next 3 years.

2024 Geppetto Chardonnay 13.0% Alc

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NOSE = White peach, lemon zest and hints of musk.

PALATE = A bright yet complex Pinot Gris with texture, length cleansing acidity.

DRINK WITH = Asparagus quiche, lemon-herbed grilled chicken, tomato and goats cheese tart.

CELLARING = A wine best enjoyed now or within the next 12 to 18 months.

2024 Geppetto Pinot Gris 12.5% Alc

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NOSE = A wine of vibrant colour with berry fruits and spice on the nose.

PALATE = Cherries, pepper and liquorice.

DRINK WITH = Barbecued spare ribs, kangaroo burger, steak with pepper sauce.

CELLARING = Drink now or over the next 6 years.

2023 Geppetto Shiraz 13.0% Alc

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NOSE = Bright with red berry fruits on the nose.

PALATE = Fresh fruit and supple tannins but still retains a lively acidity attributable to the ideal growing season.

DRINK WITH = Barbecued pork or lamb chops, chargrilled vegetables.

CELLARING = Drink now or over the next 3 to 5 years.

2024 Geppetto Pinot Noir 13.5% Alc

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NOSE = Fragrance of figs and ripe melons.

PALATE = Savouriness and acidity on the palate.

DRINK WITH = Prawn and zucchini linguine, frittata, spring pea and thyme risotto, tempura.

CELLARING = Enjoy now or over the next 4 years.

2024 Peninsula Chardonnay 13.0% Alc

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NOSE = Savoury aromatics of musk and spice.

PALATE = Textural flavours of pears and lemon juice with a vibrant acid finish.

DRINK WITH = Oysters Kilpatrick, Thai fish cakes, chilli garlic mussels, Moroccan chicken.

CELLARING = Enjoy now or over the next 3 years.

2024 Peninsula Pinot Gris 13.0% Alc

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NOSE = Fragrant and aromatic with red berry and floral notes.

PALATE = Walks the middle ground between being fruit driven and more complex with a lovely core of fine grain tannins.

DRINK WITH = Roast beetroot and goats cheese salad, grilled quail, Peking duck pancakes.

CELLARING = Enjoy now or over the next 5 years.

2024 Peninsula Pinot Noir 13.0% Alc

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KANGERONG SERIES



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NOSE = Characters of white stone fruit and citrus on the nose.

PALATE = Peach, lemon curd and grapefruit. Touch of flint and good supporting acid.

DRINK WITH = Caesar Salad, seafood risotto, pumpkin ravioli, pea and ham soup.

CELLARING = Enjoy now or over the next 5 years.

90 Points Ralph Kyte-Powell The Real Review

Comments = A middling straw coloured wine, this chardonnay has direct white floral and herbal aromas at first, then nutty and sea spray notes enter the equation. Its pleasant to smell, and the palate follows suit, medium in intensity with good balance of ripe and savoury flavours, moderate length and a light, dry finish.

2022 Kangerong Chardonnay 13.0% Alc

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NOSE = Pretty floral notes aside cherry and subtle spice.

PALATE = Black cherries, spice and a velvety texture with thoughtful oak handling.

DRINK WITH = Roast duck, rare rack of lamb, beef Wellington, grilled pork chops.

CELLARING = Enjoy now or over the next 5 years.

2024 Kangerong Pinot Noir 13.0% Alc

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ZUMMA SERIES



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NOSE = Lemon zest and fig with almond notes providing savoriness.

PALATE = A rich and complex wine that retains a level of finesse due to its cool maritime climate.

DRINK WITH = Roast chicken with thyme butter, grilled scallops, creamy fish pie.

CELLARING = Enjoy now or over the next 7 years.

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2022 Zumma Chardonnay 13.0% Alc

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ZUMMA

CHARDONNAY 2022

95 Points Ray Jordan, Winepilot

Comments = There is energy and life evident from the moment you engage with the perfumes on the nose. The fruit was hand-picked and then whole bunch pressed to a combination of one and two-year-old French barriques with wild yeast fermentation. Most went through malolactic fermentation bringing a textural feel while retaining the crisp savoury acid. The palate is finely balanced with a slightly saline savouriness that is sustained and long. Impressive chardonnay from old vines at Mornington.

95 Points Andrea Pritzker, Winepilot

Comments = Opens with freshly grated lemon, white peach and hints of toast. Open and expressive offering ripe white peach, yoghurt and a creamy mouth-filling palate. Well balanced, finishing long with hints of toast and nougat.

95 Points Mike Bennie, WBM

Comments = The Crittenden Wines seem to be rising and rising through recent releases, and evidence in this wine too. Concentrated, elegant, sleek and refined, a wine of judicious seasoning of sweet spice, laid back cashew nut savouriness, distinct, razor cut stone fruit characters and a dash of lemon-lime freshness. In the core, a briny mineral vein that persists long after each sip. Classy.

94 Points Qwine Reviews

Comments = An expressive and sizzling take on modern Chardonnay, this Crittenden Zumma is ace. Layered and walking with gracious humility, I could get very comfortable here. It's a beautiful wine and one I'd be happy to sip slow as the sun falls from the sky. And perhaps I did just that. I would enthusiastically recommend this Chardonnay.

93 Points Shanteh Wale, Winepilot

Comments = Fruit is front and centre with a swathe of toasty oak spice. Vanilla biscotti, nutmeg and cinnamon sugar. A lovely lemon cheesecake creaminess, with fresh acidity carrying the final tune. This has the intensity we see from further west with the marine sea spray and citrus core of Victoria. A really good representation of what Mornington can do. The balance of modern-day Australian chardonnay is printed all over this.

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NOSE = Cherries, berry fruits and fresh spice on the nose.

PALATE = Fine silky tannins and restrained oak on the palate.

DRINK WITH = Coq au vin, porcini mushroom risotto, spice roasted chicken.

CELLARING = Enjoy now or over the next 10 years.

2021 Zumma Pinot Noir 12.5% Alc

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MORNINGTON PENINSULA, CRITTENDEN HOME BLOCK VICTORIA

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NOSE = Lifted florals and citrus leading to white stone fruit.

PALATE = Pure fruited and finessed with acid steering the palate and subtle hints of toasty oak.

DRINK WITH = Pan fried snapper fillets, with lemon and caper butter. Crab omelette.

CELLARING = 2025 to 2032.

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2022 Cri de Coeur Chardonnay 13.0% Alc

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CRI DE COEUR

CHARDONNAY 2022

97 Points Ray Jordan, Winepilot

Comments = One of the very best Crittenden chardonnays I have tasted. It comes from the original home block vineyard which has been through gradual rejuvenation to more sustainable management. The fruit was whole bunch pressed to a mix of new and one year old French barriques for wild yeast fermentation. About half went through malo and there was occasional lees stirring to bring texture while retaining the fine delicate acidity. Aromas of light fig and stone fruit with a little lemon zest. The palate has a delightful purity with a dry savoury finish completing an excellent chardonnay.

96 Points Shanteh Wale, Winepilot

Comments = Supremely elegant and pretty. Its delicate and yet the palate flavours continue on as far as the horizon. Its pinpoint accuracy with its oak handling and allows the purity of perfectly picked fruit to shine in the spotlight. Wow this is stunning. A wonderful vintage for this superstar wine.

95 Points Jane Faulkner, Halliday

Comments = Of all the chardonnays from Crittenden, this has a specific DNA. While there's winemaking at play – the rich, sweet, cedary oak especially – there's always a savoury overlay, almost a button-mushroom character. Tangy, juicy fruit rolled in spice, baked apples too. The fuller-bodied palate is fleshed out by nougat-lemon-curd lees and, of course, the oak.

95 Points Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront

Comments = This is light, strict and tense – it's effectively quartz like – but it also shows ripe nectarine fruit, and lemongrass, and hay, and nougat, and bacon, and roasted cashew characters. Its elegance and flavour, strung on a taut line, the drawing in of the finish then flashed with chalk, though the flavour continues to pulse on. It's a fantastic chardonnay.

95 Points Qwine Reviews

Comments = Detail is the buzzword here with layers of interest seeking your attention. Possessing well-handled weight without being bulky, a lemony drive is a consistent thread towing you along for a splendid ride. Focused with tension, it drives long with a fine textural presence on close. It's a moreish wine that urges considered thought. Excellent!

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NOSE = A spicy fragrant nose with vibrant fruit attributable to whole bunch fermentation.

PALATE = Fine and textured tannins on the palate.

DRINK WITH = Beef bourguignon, rare roast beef.

CELLARING = Although drinking beautifully now, this wine will reward substantial cellaring perhaps even 15 years and beyond.

2023 Cri de Coeur Pinot Noir 12.5% Alc

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NOSE = This wine displays many of the desired nutty aldehyde characters that can be expected after prolonged ageing under flor.

PALATE = A complex array of flavours, amongst them preserved lemon, grilled nuts and exotic spice. A palate of tremendous breadth and length with mouth filling chalky texture and persistent acid drive.

DRINK WITH = Comte cheese.

CELLARING = Enjoy now although this wine will continue to develop over the next 20 years.

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2019 Cri de Coeur Savagnin Sous Voile 15.0% Alc

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CRI DE COEUR

SAVAGNIN SOUS VOILE 2019

97 Points Jane Faulkner, Halliday

Comments = Incredibly fresh, to the point more citrus flavours come to the fore rather than oxidative complexity alone. A hint of florals, camomile with some preserved ginger spice on the palate. Nutty, mouth-watering aldehydes and burnt butter, with some wood tannins adding volume. The all-important distinct acidity of savagnin keeps this lively from the first sip to the last. Another excellent addition to the lineage of this style spearheaded by Crittenden.

95 Points Erin Larkin, The Wine Advocate

Comments = Here, the 2019 Cri de Coeur Sous Voile Savagnin leads with preserved lemon and Comté cheese, white pepper and fennel, fresh sourdough crust and crushed seashells. On the palate, the wine is tight and oxidative (state the obvious) and fills the mouth and memory with savory, nutty flavors. The intensity of the fruit doesn't feel as potent as the winemaking here as it has in previous vintages, but the length of flavor through the finish tends to eradicate any doubt as to the quality and excitement of this wine.

95 Points Jeni Port, Winepilot

Comments = Cri de Coeur – “cry from the heart” – is a passionate call to arms on behalf of Mornington Peninsula winemaker, Rollo Crittenden. It asks consumers to consider a wine outside the norm, at least in Australia, where the role of yeast plays a vital role in the shape and flavour of the Savagnin grape as it ages in barrel. The result is quite magical, warm, textural and beautifully honey-defined and nutty. Immediately inviting in aromas of baked quince, fig, honey and toasted almonds. Few Australian makers dare to dream and then consummately achieve this style of vinous excitement.

95 Points Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Real Review

Comments = Yellow-gold in colour, this shows pronounced flor yeast aromas and the aldehydic nuttiness of controlled oxidation. It's an idiosyncratic wine that nods to France's Jura region in style, and it does a very good job. Deep and rich in the mouth, it's lingering and complex in flavour with a delicious caramelised, rancio-like mid-palate and a tingly zip at the end.

Mike Bennie, Halliday

Comments = This is perhaps the richest, densest release of this wine, but contains all the freshness of cooling, saline acidity, the tell-tale fino sherry-like lift, among stewed cinnamon apples, ginger and crème brûlée. Power and presence, and something quite extraordinary.