

# MAC FORBES

**EB 08 METHODE  
ANCESTRALE 2013  
WESBURN**

**Cabernet Sauvignon  
Merlot  
Malbec  
Petit Verdot  
Chardonnay  
Muscadelle  
Sauvignon Blanc**

**380 Bottles**

*Our EB (Experimental Batch) wines represent a challenge to ourselves in terms of either a new viticultural or winemaking direction.*

*This age old approach to making sparkling wine as one continuous ferment was trialed. With the blind leading the blind we stumbled our way along with a long slow ferment that when almost dry we bottled from barrel. This is the final result. Nothing added except fruit.*



## TASTING NOTES:

### **Appearance:**

Bright rose

### **Nose:**

Lifted red fruits and delicate crushed petals

### **Palate:**

Fresh fruit fills the front palate. Builds to be textured and savory with a hint of herbs.

## MAP OF THE LOWER & UPPER YARRA VALLEY



## WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 11.0%  
Acidity: 6.9  
pH: 3.30

## VINEYARD

Town: Wesburn  
Region: Yarra Valley  
Planted: 1981  
Area: 0.5Ha  
Aspect: East North East  
Soils: Yellow Grey Clay  
over mudstone  
Altitude: 180m

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The growing season of vintage 2013 started well with budburst for Chardonnay mid-September. This trend continued through spring with vines using stored moisture well into November. By December, however, we were looking for moisture.

In addition to this, temperatures were considerably up in January having 14 days over 30°C and multiple peaks over 39°C. This was accompanied by just 3.6mm of recorded rainfall (effectively none). The trend continued into February with 17 days over 30°C combined with the bare minimum amount of rain.

The high temperatures and lack of water meant we saw early veraison and vines push their fruit to maturity very quickly, this resulted in one of the most compressed vintages of recent times.

## WINEMAKING

Fruit: hand picked  
Fermentation: in barrel and bottle  
Maturation: in bottle on lees  
Yeast: indigenous  
Filtration: none  
Fining: none  
Bottled: June, 2013

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