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2016 Handpicked Wombat Creek Vineyard Yarra Valley Chardonnay

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“Our very first Wombat Creek Chardonnay reveals the potential of this remarkable elevated vineyard - beautifully elegant and exceptionally complex with a mouth-watering long finish.” - Peter Dillon, 2017

The Region: Wombat Creek, Yarra Valley

Planted on hills at 450m elevation near Mount Donna Buang, Wombat Creek is the highest vineyard in the Yarra Valley, making it uniquely situated for production of premium cool climate wines. Mature Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vines are planted on soils of free-draining volcanic loam and on steep slopes that allow frost to drain away. This is a true cool climate vineyard with reliable annual rainfall of around 1200mm.

Wombat Creek rises in a spring-fed pond at the bottom of the vineyard. The surrounding forest, fern gullies and creeks are home to platypus, lyrebirds, kangaroos, wallabies and, of course, wombats.

The Wine: Zesty grapefruit pith, white nectarine and grilled nuts with layers of flint and cigar box oak complexity; tight acid line that drives the long finish and keeps you

coming back for more.

Pair with Scallops and chorizo, rich, creamy cheese such as Brillat Savarin, stuffed zucchini flowers with goat cheese.

Technical Info: Vintage 2016 was a warm, dry season in the Yarra Valley. Yields were above average for early ripening varieties. Harvest was very early, the earliest on record in some vineyards, and arrived very quickly.

This wine combines two Chardonnay clones – i10v1 and Dijon-76. The fruit was harvested in mid-February and was chilled overnight before processing. It was whole-bunch pressed and wild fermented in barrel. A portion of barrels underwent malolactic fermentation, according to winemaker assessment. The wine was matured for 10 months in the same Taransaud and Mercurey barrels, 50% new.