



2013 VINTAGE

HUNTER VALLEY

A dry winter and early spring was followed with good rains early in the growing season. Crop levels were low and bursts of hot dry weather led to early ripening of whites which were all picked before the first rain event on Australia Day. Chardonnay, Semillon and Verdelho were picked in near perfect condition with great flavours. Warm dry weather in early February saw most of the Shiraz harvested at good sugar levels with nice flavour balance. Very good vintage.

ORANGE

Winter and spring rainfall was low which led to below average crops. Alternating rain events and hot spells kept vineyard managers on their toes but the ripening season was more benign and led to a relatively early harvest. Excellent Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc with great flavour and finesse. Shiraz was the best of the reds but some very good parcels of Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon were also picked. Above average year.

WRATTONBULLY

Good rainfall in winter and early spring got the season off to a great start. Warm dry conditions throughout the growing and ripening season then led to a brilliant vintage. All reds were picked in near perfect conditions producing wines with great flavour and balance. Cabernet Sauvignon was very good but Shiraz and Merlot were even better. Great vintage.

COONAWARRA

The season started well after reasonable spring rains. The growing season was very dry leading to small crops and canopies. Cabernet Sauvignon produced small bunches and tiny berries with abundant colour and tannin which should lead to above average wines.