

# Elderton

## 2013 Eden Valley Marsanne Roussanne

### Background

Marsanne and Roussanne, like Shiraz, are varieties that are native to the Northern Rhone in France. We believe that our vineyard in Craneford is the perfect place to make a textural and delicious blend that is a little bit away from the mainstream. The vines are planted on a very hilly part of our vineyard, with soils that are very marginal, meaning the vines need to work hard to survive and therefore produce very small yields of intensely flavoured fruit.

### Vineyards

Our Eden Valley vineyard lies just South of the small township of Craneford, at an elevation of 420m. As like our other Eden Valley locations, the soil and climate varies quite considerably to that of the Barossa Valley floor. It is generally wetter, cooler and the soils tend to be skeletal and minerally. Aspect also varies significantly, with rolling hills and valleys providing much site variation.

The Craneford Vineyard is tended to by our own viticulturalist, Peter Wild, who ensures utmost care is taken in every step of the vine cycle.

### Winemaker's View

*Being a fan of these blends from the Northern Rhone, and also specifically of Yeringberg's blend from the Yarra Valley, we have been wanting to showcase what our Craneford vineyard can do with these two varieties when blended and made by the team at Elderton. The 2013 season provided great growing conditions and resulted in great fruit. This wine has been made to show clean, crisp fruit, a balanced palate and moderate alcohol.*

- Richard Langford

<b>Style</b>	Lightly oaked, fruity wine exhibiting classic varietal flavours
<b>Colour</b>	Medium straw
<b>Aroma</b>	Pear and passionfruit
<b>Flavour</b>	Pear and passion fruit with hints of honey. Rounded mid palate and spicy finish.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink now to 5 years from vintage



### Vintage Details

<b>Vintage</b>	2013
<b>Region</b>	Eden Valley
<b>Variety</b>	Marsanne (57%) Roussanne (43%)
<b>Maturation</b>	4 months aging on lees, with additional time in old French oak
<b>Alc/Vol</b>	13.0%
<b>TA</b>	6.8 g/L
<b>pH</b>	3.38