



## 2012 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. This is Elderton's first release of the Eden Valley Marsanne Roussanne.

### 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 viticulturalists, Peter Wild and David Young, who both ensure 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 2012 season provided great growing conditions and resulted in great fruit. This wine has been made to show classic characteristics and fruit expression. We hope you enjoy this first release of Marsanne Roussanne.*

- Richard Langford

<b>Style</b>	Lightly oaked, fruity wine exhibiting classic varietal flavours
<b>Colour</b>	Medium straw
<b>Aroma</b>	Cut Pears, lifted floral notes
<b>Flavour</b>	Textural palate showing richness, softness and length
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink now to 5 years from vintage

### Accolades

#### 91 points, Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

"Wow, this is an aromatic number. Tutti fruity pears and apples and floral notes. Palate plays the same song, but adds a dry, textural, chalky grippiness. Pristine and interesting, if almost overwhelmingly fruity. This is a wine to buy and try. It's bursting with life."



### Vintage Details

<b>Vintage</b>	2012
<b>Region</b>	Eden Valley
<b>Variety</b>	Marsanne / Roussanne
<b>Maturation</b>	6 months aging on lees (French)
<b>Alc/Vol</b>	12.5%
<b>TA</b>	6.55 g/L
<b>pH</b>	3.33