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WINE COMPANION 2021

Crittenden Estate



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Region Mornington Peninsula

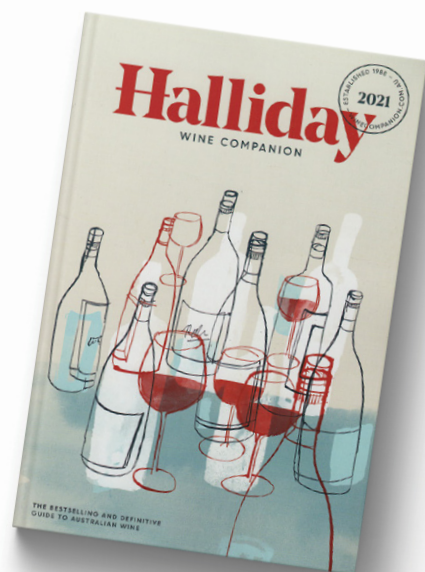
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Open 7 days 10:30 – 4:30

Winemaker Rollo Crittenden, Matt Campbell

Est. 1984 **Dozens** 10 000 **Vyds** 4.8ha

Garry Crittenden was a pioneer on the Mornington Peninsula, establishing the family vineyard over 30 years ago and introducing a number of avant-garde pruning and canopy management techniques. Much has changed – and continues to change – in cool-climate vineyard management. Pinot noir and chardonnay remain the principal focus, and in 2015 winemaking returned to the family vineyard on the Mornington Peninsula in a newly built facility, with son Rollo very much in charge. Exports to the UK.



Cri de Coeur Mornington Peninsula Savagnin 2015 – Rating 97

An impeccable vintage defined by an attenuated cool growing season, this compelling wine is inspired by the great whites of the Jura region, inflected with the nutty influence of voile – or the surface yeast known as flor... The result is quite possibly the most exciting white wine in the country: reeling off top notes of dried hay, chamomile and cheese cloth; bottom notes of quince and dried fruits. A long weave of viscosity, unctuousness and freshness all at once. Riveting!



Cri de Coeur Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay 2018 – Rating 96

This is a tour de force. A sensational chardonnay. Rich, pliant and yet so, so fresh. Reminiscent of a top Meursault, this would be hard to discern blind. Or at least I think so, in this moment of immense pleasure. Nougat, roasted hazelnuts, cashew cream, vanillan oak and the most sublime length towed by a skein of pitch perfect acidity. This goes on and on, buffered by the 11 months spent in 2 classy French barriques.

The Zumma Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay 2018 – Rating 95

This cuvee has an effortless conflation of mineral tension, poise and richness. White fig, toasted hazelnut, nougat, a touch of lanolin, nectarine and white peach all teem along with juicy acid rails. A wisp of maritime sea spray marks the finish, just in case you didn't know that this was from Mornington.

Cri de Coeur Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir 2018 - Rating 95

A complex equation of Pommard, Dijon 114, 115, a sparkling clone and the Aussie battle axe MV6; fermented wild in open top fermenters with a whack of 50% whole-cluster, prior to 11 months in assorted French oak formats (25% new). The result? The intensity of fruit and herbal dill spike from the whole-bunch quotient is still unresolved. Yet the sappy length, curl of structural authority and carnal desire in the berry scents and forest floor whiff strongly suggest that this wine will age beautifully with a strident confidence.

The Zumma Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir 2018 – Rating 95

A smidgeon of whole-bunches (15%) in the ferment confers a gentle rasp to the tannin profile, melding effortlessly with the classy French oak (30%) to evince a slick authority. Already delicious, moderate cellaring will flesh out the sous-bois, truffled kirsch and root spice scents further

Macvin Fortified Savagnin NV – Rating 95

A traditional style of fortified wine inspired by the uber hip Jura region. A blend of flor-inflected dry savagnin from '15, together with '19 savagnin juice, fortified to 17%. Camomile, cheesecloth and a deeper more resinous mix of chestnut, blossom and Indian spice lead the charge. Take a deep breath because this bedazzles, alone or with foods savoury and a little sweet.

Peninsula Chardonnay 2018 – Rating 94

Has more weight and texture than most Mornington Peninsula chardonnays, but kept trim and balanced by its bright acidity and creamy cashew notes.