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Crittenden Estate



25 Harrisons Road, Dromana, Vic, 3936 **Region** Mornington Peninsula
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Winemaker Rollo Crittenden, Matt Campbell **Est.** 1984 **Dozens** 8000 **Vyds** 4.8ha

Garry Crittenden was one of the pioneers on the Mornington Peninsula, establishing the family vineyard over 30 years ago and introducing a number of avant garde pruning and canopy management techniques. In the manner of things, 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 Pinot Noir 2017 Grown on 35yo vines. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Stunning pinot noir. Take a sip and enter a world of undergrowth and woody herbs, forest berries and wood smoke. It's a wine of flavour, structure presence and poise. You don't just drink this wine, you rummage through it. It's spotlessly clean and yet there's so much going on, so much to discover. Diam 13% alc. Rating 97 To 2029 \$80 CM ★



Cri de Coeur Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay 2017 A seriously beautiful chardonnay. It's long and lean-ish but it has everything it needs to develop beautifully over the coming handful of years. It tastes of nectarine and shell grit, lactose and lemon, and both the sizzle of the palate and the soar of the finish stamp it as A Class. Diam. 13% alc. Rating 96 To 2027 \$80 CM

Kangerong Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay 2017 Punchy with flavour but the finish takes it all to another level. Stone fruit, bacony oak, preserved lemon and spice flavours seduce their way through the palate but the long, steely succulent finish really stamps the wine with class. Screwcap 13% alc. Rating 95 To 2025 \$45 CM

The Zumma Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir 2017 20% whole bunches, 5-day cold soak, 11 months in a combination of new and used oak and then a further 12 months in bottle prior to release. The end result is a complete wine, high in spice but poured with fresh fruit, complex, tasty, succulent and sustained. Orange blossom and fennel notes lend it a distinctive edge. Quality here is clearly very high. Screwcap 13% alc. Rating 95 To 2027 \$57 CM ★

Peninsula Sauvignon Blanc Fume 2017 You get the full box and dice but is it delicious? Honeysuckle, lactose, nougat and tropical fruit; it sways, it swings, it slides. Lime flavours drill through the palate, keeping it all moving speedily along. As jolly as it is powerful. Screwcap. 13% alc. Rating 94 To 2022 \$30 MC ★

The Zumma Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay 2017 Grown on the estate's oldest vines. Fermented wild. It's alive with sophisticated flavor. Charred peaches, cedar wood, ginger and nougat-like flavours present a united fruit as they run juicily through the palate. It feels generous throughout but it's honed and neat to close. Screwcap 13% alc. Rating 94 To 2024 \$57 CM

Peninsula Pinot Gris 2018 Wild-fermented in used oak. Fresh as a daisy, loaded with flavor and long through the finish. This is a gorgeous gris. Grapefruit, citrus, pear and florals/spices. So well presented and just so tasty. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. Rating 94 To 2020 \$34 CM

The Zumma Savagnin 2016 Wild yeast, time on skins, bottled unfiltered. It's a tight, controlled, energetic wine with all the grip you'd expect (given the winemaking) and candied floral notes aplenty. Pepper, associated spices, nectarine and wood smoke. Excellent mid-palate intensity. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. Rating 94 To 2021 \$57 CM

Peninsula Rose 2018 Made with pinot noir. Fermented wild. Pale crimson in colour and exotically flavoured. Orange, cranberry, raspberry and Campari characters really make you sit up and take notice. It's juicy, interesting, satisfying and delicious. Screwcap 13.3% alc. Rating 94 To 2020 \$30 CM ★

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