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Crittenden Estate ★★★★★

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Region Mornington Peninsula

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

Crittenden Estate has yet again been awarded five red stars and has once again been classified as “An outstanding winery regularly producing wines of exemplary quality and typicity”.

We're also delighted that the 2022 Halliday Wine Companion has upgraded our 5 red Star Rating; our winery is now regarded as one of the best of the best, having held the five red star rating for producing wines of exemplar quality continuously for 10 years.



Cri de Coeur Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay 2019 — Rating 96

This is seamless. It brings together the best flavours – stone fruit, lemon curd, nougatine, grilled nuts and more besides, with acidity leading. It has great energy and drive, length and line. Up there as one of the better Mornington Peninsula chardonnays this vintage. Bravo. JF



Cri de Coeur Sous Voile Mornington Peninsula Savagnin 2016 — Rating 95

I've tried this wine several times now over its evolution and the extra time in bottle has made a lot of difference. A bright, burnished amber hue; full of grilled nuts and honeyed fragrances, with quince paste and salty lemons. Complex oxidative aromas and flavours, yet despite its warming 15.8% alcohol, the palate is luscious, silky and well controlled. JF



The Zumma Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir 2019 — Rating 95

An even ebb and flow of pinosity. Dark cherries, woody and exotic spices, nori and wood smoke are all here, and more besides. Full bodied with well-plied tannins and a pleasing and abundant depth of flavour. Not too big, just right. JF



Macvin Savagnin NV — Rating 95

Macvin #2, the 2nd bottling from May 2020. An equal blend of flor-aged savagnin from 2016 with the variety's grape juice from 2020, then fortified with neutral spirit. It's gorgeous. Mid amber hue, with spiced quinces and raisins. So much in this. A brandy-like flavour, toffee and grilled nuts. Sure, there's sweetness, but it's tempered by the acidity. Glossy texture rounds it out. JF



Peninsula Pinot Gris 2019 — Rating 95

The real deal. Pinot gris as it should be: flavoursome, luscious, textural and brimming with poached pears, grated nashi and loaded with powdered and fresh ginger. Some clotted cream and lemon curd on the palate. Nothing cloying. Quite delicious. JF



The Zumma Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay 2019 — Rating 94

This has the body and flavours of a riper wine, yet the acidity is tightly cinched so nothing appears over the top. Expect stone fruit with citrus on display and a bit more input from the French oak, more in the toasty, spicy domain, as it's certainly not an oak wine. JF



Kangerong Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay 2019 — Rating 93

In a warm vintage, Crittenden has managed to rein in its suite of wines so well. This is taking instructions from the acidity so the stone fruit and citrus, the cedary, toasty oak and luscious lees flavours are corralled into line and behaving. JF



Kangerong Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir 2019 — Rating 93

More upfront fruit and prettiness this vintage. Strawberry and cherry accents but it is super-tangy with blood orange and zest. Textural tannins and a sweet flourish give the impression to drink this now. There are worse things. JF



Peninsula Pinot Noir 2019 — Rating 93

This sits in the right place. It shows off lovely varietal aromas and flavours as much as the region. It's juicy and bright, works off a medium-bodied frame full of cherries and spiced strawberries. Tannins are soft and so too the acidity. A pinot for today. JF



Peninsula Chardonnay 2019 — Rating 93

This is always a satisfying drink. It's the combo of stone fruit, citrus and spice meshed well to the smidge of creaminess and lemon curd, extracted through wild yeast and barrel fermentation. Textured, but stays within a fairly tight realm. It's ready now. Don't wait. JF