

Mornington Peninsula Vintage Summary 2015 – Marvelous moderation!

The winter of 2014 began quite wet but from there, and right throughout the growing season, the months were moderate in both rainfall and temperature. With a difficult spring in vintage 2014 expectations for bunch formation and number were not bullish. A favourable flowering period and intermittent rainfall in November and December saw good fruit set and happy, healthy vines with strong canopies to ripen a particularly even crop load. The summer of 2015 and the autumn harvest behaved with continued moderation and consistency producing a steady ripening season that saw most fruit harvested by the end of March when we received a significant rainfall. Bunch weight was not low but consistently medium and acids were generally high in early ripening but moved to a balance at harvest that saw fruit with natural strong ripe flavours. Expectations are for a very good year for both pinot and chardonnay.