COBAW RIDGE

CHARDONNAY
PINOT NOIR
SYRAH
LAGREIN

Spring Newsletter 2025

100% ESTATE

Certified Organic 2009 - Biodynamic 2011

ACO Reg. No: 14031

Top photo: Summer 1985 Ripping begins, in preparation for the our first planting .

Halliday Wine Companion 2025

Ubove:1988 Winery poles go up .

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New Release

As we slowly move into the spring of 2025 high in the Macedon Ranges, we stop and take the time to reflect that this season marks 40 years of growing at Cobaw Ridge.
From the outset we were both very confident that we could produce something of note from our north facing rugged unproven virgin site.
In 1985, having already physically built our home over the prior 4 years we felt up for the challenge! No grape growing experience, no wine making experience, no sales or marketing experience and no business experience…how hard could it be!?
I (Alan) was 28 years old and Nelly 26.

Looking back now, we feel incredibly proud that we have stood the test of time.
With the passing of time, we can reflect upon our journey and what we have been able to achieve.
Amazed and empowered!
Over the years we have seen the industry rise and fall, a few times! Trends come and go… early days it was all about the established older producers, now it is all about young cutting-edge (whatever that means.) All along we have kept razor sharp focus on the things that makes what we grow and produce so unique…here at Cobaw Ridge

Spring 2024/2023 vintage release.

The '24 season marked a return to near 'normal' vintage conditions.
A warmer dryer growing season and thankfully a bit more sunshine. All the wines show that little bit of extra plushness and vibrancy.
As a reference they make up quite an impressive collection and stand out as some of the most beautiful and expressive wine to date.

The decision to hold back the 2023 Il pinko Rose` for an extra year was an easy one. After seeing just how much extra finesse the '22 gained from time in bottle in our cool cellar. The production methods were much the same as prior.

Of course, all 100% estate certified organic, biodynamic grapes, now in our 16th year of certification.

Chardonnay and il pinko Syrah Rose` whole bunch pressed and fermented on near full solids.
Slight addition of So2 to Chardonnay juice prior to full extended barrel fermentation.
Zero So2 to Il pinko before long fermentation in large old barrels and Qvevri.
Full malolactic for all wines.
All red wines were totally destemmed and are given a mixture of pump overs and hand plunged for gentle extraction.
All softly pressed before extended time in high quality, tight grained, lightly toasted small barrels, some new, but not too much. All done to allow the stellar quality of the fruit shine and all once again to express the terroir.

Background comments on some of the individual wines.

Chardonnay 2024 speaks for itself and continues to confirm that here IS a great site for producing stellar wines!

Il pinko Rose` 2023 is more expressive and exotic after the inclusion of all the Syrah '23 (see below) and Lagrein '23.
Edgy and taut at the same time.
A true example of proof that a great rose` can indeed hold a bit of age.

The l'altra Syrah Pinot Lagrein 2024 continues to be a pleasing winery blend.
Very much a 'made' creation.
Utilising predominantly free run wine and less press wine than prior.
A little bit of this and a dash of that to create something exceptional and fun.

The two 2024 Pinots continue to run parallel.
The Original Pinot Noir '24 is all about up front aromatics and verve, whereas the High Density '24 shows the most striking brooding detail and depth of concentration we have seen to date.
A rich reward for this super sited one acre patch.

All hail Syrah 2024!
After a 5-year hiatus of production due to unfavourable conditions it is extremely pleasing to see our now 40 years faith in growing hold true…here.
A world away from the mainstream Australian style.
A quiet walk with St Joseph?

The biggest surprise of the wines is the Lagrein 2024.
Wow …just so full on and a stunning super varietal example for this still quite exotic variety… we continue to lead the way in Australia!

Our first Vintage - 1988

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Jamie Goode, Wine Anorak UK

"...they have quietly been going about their business, refining the wines over time to the point that they are playing in the peer group of Australia's best producers."

https://wineanorak.com/2025/08/06/visiting-the-macedon-ranges-a-cool-climate-australian-wine-region-making-some-exciting-wines-1-introduction/

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