

BLUE PYRENEES

— estate —

2013 MIDNIGHT CUVEÉ

REGION

Pyrenees, Western Victoria, Australia.

GRAPE VARIETIES

Chardonnay 98% & Pinot Noir 2%

WINEMAKER'S ANDREW KOERNER'S COMMENTS

The production of "Methode Traditionnelle" sparkling wines has been an integral part of the winemaking at Blue Pyrenees for many years. Although handpicked fruit is desirable for the production of premium sparkling juices, daytime temperatures in most Australian wine regions mean that hand-picked fruit is often too warm when received into the press after a days picking. In 1992 the team at Blue Pyrenees decided to experiment with hand picking at night, under lights, to optimize both fruit condition and temperature. The results were an amazing improvement – crisper cuvee (free drained) juices of outstanding quality. The Midnight Cuvee was born. Nowadays the Blue Pyrenees team select the best fruit parcels, whilst on the vine, and continue to harvest at night, processing the fruit very rapidly, to generate the finest Chardonnay juices to use for the Midnight Cuvee. Although following the "methode traditionnelle" system is relatively expensive and time consuming, the rewards are evident in the glass.

COLOUR

Brilliant green straw with a great foam collar and a fine bead of persistent gentle bubbles.

AROMA

The aroma is delicate and complex with characteristics of freshly baked apple pie complimented by hazelnuts.

FLAVOUR

Apple streudel with almond flavours prevail in the palate, along with lemon pith and a subtle creamy mid palate, before the fine mineral acid backbone cleanses the soft dry finish.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13.0 %, Total Acidity: 6.45 g/L , pH: 3.10, Dosage: 5.0 g/L

AWARDS / REVIEWS

In early wine show results the 2013 Blue Pyrenees Midnight Cuvee was awarded a silver medal (90 points out of 100) at the Royal National Brisbane Wine show 2016. The wine was also awarded 90 points in the annual Australian Wine Vintages book 2017.

"Blue Pyrenees Estate is consistently one of the best red wine producers in the country – to say nothing of its superb sparkling wines. The prices are a gift." HUON HOOKE, SYDNEY

MORNING HERALD and GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE MAGAZINE, 2015.



**The Blue Pyrenees brand
is synonymous with hand-crafted,
gently effervescent and elegant
sparkling wines.**

