



CRITTENDEN ESTATE®

MORNINGTON PENINSULA FAMILY WINEMAKERS

OGGI

As winemakers we love to experiment; you could almost say it's in our blood. Step into any winery around Australia during vintage and you can be guaranteed to find a small batch of something obscure bubbling away in the corner. Whole bunch ferments, mixed varietal ferments, hot v cold ferments, the possibilities are endless

The sad thing though is that by and large these wines rarely see the light of day. Due to limited volumes and a lack of continuity they will invariably be blended away – never available for public scrutiny or enjoyment. And so, in an effort to change this we have created a little label called OGGI.

From the Italian word 'today', OGGI will be our opportunity to show people what we are trialling in the winery from day to day and year to year.

2016

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VINTAGE

2016 was a rare but welcome season with the desirable combination of both quality and quantity across most Victorian wine regions. Perfect flowering conditions in late spring helped cement a bountiful yield which was followed by a warm dry summer with virtually no disease pressure. So productive were many of our affiliated vineyards that judicious green fruit thinning was often required to ensure the retention of concentrated flavors in the finished wines.

ABOUT THE 2016 TRIAL

On the back of the success of prior OGGI releases we have decided to extend the experimentation of skins fermentation with traditional Italian whites. We selected two varieties that are all fairly textural and basically made them like a red wine. Wild yeast fermented in open vats (full skin contact) for two weeks before being pressed to old barriques.

The wine then spent 10 months in the same barrels on gross lees before being blended and bottled with minimal filtration and a small SO2 addition.

The final blend:

Fiano 55% (Vaughan Vineyard one the Mornington Peninsula)

Arneis 45% (from our home vineyard on the Mornington Peninsula)

And finally, to capture the changing nature of this brand, (and for a bit of fun) we have created 12 different versions of the OGGI label, all of which are represented in every case packed.