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BIRD ON A WIRE

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Bird on a Wire **2014 Marsanne**

Winemaker: Caroline Mooney

Grape(s): Marsanne

GI: Yarra Valley

Site(s): Single Vineyard in Yarra Glen

Vintage notes: Vintage 2014 was a year of low yields due to poor flowering as a result of unfavorable weather, yet the remaining harvest was incredibly high quality.

Vineyard notes: The site is in the northern end of the Yarra Valley, sitting in between Yarra Glen and Dixons Creek, and was planted in 1998. Soils are sandy loam over clay and gravel over Yarra Valley mudstone. A site which proves itself year on year, Caroline has been sourcing fruit and working with this vineyard for more than 10 years. Aspect is WWE with row orientation of east- west. Slightly heavier soils to the BOAW syrah block (which faces the marsanne), balancing out this warmer aspect. Canopy is important when growing marsanne as it helps shade to prevent over-bronzing and yet needs to be open enough to minimize botrytis which this variety is susceptible to.

Winemaking: Hand-picked when bronzing is at about 20% on bunches. Whole bunch press following a maceration of the skins for 24 hours, to start the ball rolling on extracting the essential texture required. It is then pressed hard and fast to tank and settles for 2-3 days. The clear juice is then racked off solids directly to barrel and inoculated. Following primary fermentation the wine is allowed to go through 100% natural malolactic fermentation. A small amount of new oak is used but predominantly old barrels are employed.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 14.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: A full-flavored marsanne, expressing the grape in all its textural, rich glory. Aromas of ripe peach, toasted wattleseed, marzipan, cracked wheat, and honey lead into a palate that is full on texture, flavor, and body, balanced by appropriate bitterness and freshness (even for a wine of its age).

Scores: 94 (Qwine), 90 (Huon Hooke)