



Michael Lane, Vineyard Manager

Michael lane has been overseeing the viticulture at Yangarra Estate Vineyard for the past 7-8 years. Prior to this time Michael spent several years working as a consultant specialising in IPM (Integrated Pest Management) programs.

Throughout the past 7-8 years has developed a real connection with Yangarra Estate enabling him to consistently produce world class fruit resulting in world class wines.

As Michael has a very much hands on approach to the fruit production at Yangarra he has identified differing soil types and vine growth patterns of individual blocks, as a result this enables him to manipulate the vines within these blocks to produce what is required at Yangarra Estate ultra premium fruit.

Michael strongly believes that the finer details are paramount when it comes in producing the highest possible fruit quality. There is much emphasis at Yangarra Estate placed on pruning levels and bud placement, canopy management in the form of shoot thinning and shoot placement as well as exact timing of irrigation applications and nutritional inputs.

As well as having some of the latest technological tools at his disposal for monitoring soil moisture, grape maturity, irrigation and weather conditions etc. Michael is regularly found in the vineyard with a shovel and hand full of soil or chewing grapes to ensure the decision to harvest is made when the fruit is at its optimum.

In addition Michael is currently involved with the development of 65 acres of new plantings at Yangarra Estate which will predominately consist of dry grown bush vines as part of Jess Jackson's vision of the future and not just the present.

In 2007 Michael was nominated and a finalist in McLaren Vale viticulturist of the year awards for his consistent excellence in growing world class fruit and environmental contribution when it comes to the re-vegetation of Yangarra Estates water-ways and fauna corridors.

Michael has a passion for growing world class fruit at Yangarra Estate and does not consider his role as a job but more as a life style. He hopes that you get as much enjoyment from drinking the wine produced at Yangarra Estate as he does in having a part in producing it.