

# Route du Van








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
**Winemaker** Tod Dexter **Est.** 2010 **Dozens** 8000

The Dexter (Tod and Debbie) and Bird (Ian and Ruth, David and Marie) families have been making or selling wine for 30 years. They were holidaying in the picturesque vineyards and ancient Bastide villages of southwest France when they decided to do something new that was all about fun: fun for them, and fun for the consumers who bought their wines, which would have a distinctive southern French feel to them. The prices are also friendly, at \$15–20 a bottle, bistros one of the target markets. The business is obviously enjoying great success, production up from 3500 dozen to its present level off the back of expanded export markets. Exports to the UK, the US, Norway, Sweden and Poland.

     **Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2013** A 72/24% blend, with 4% vermentino; fermented in stainless steel and barrel. Has obvious complexity, citrusy acidity giving a sure-footed foundation for this flavour depth, the accent as much savoury as fruity. Screwcap. 12% alc. **Rating** 93 **To** 2016 \$20 ★

**Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2013** Part machine, part hand (for whole bunches) picked; part cold-soaked prior to fermentation. Light, but bright colour, with a fragrant red fruit bouquet and a light to medium-bodied palate. A pretty Pinot, ready when you are. Screwcap. 13% alc. **Rating** 91 **To** 2020 \$20 ★

**Heathcote Shiraz 2013** Destemmed into open and rotary fermenters with a portion of whole berries; 14 days on skins, then 35% in used oak for 6 months, the remainder held in stainless steel. A full-bodied Heathcote style, replete with blackberry and plum fruit; the stainless steel has retained freshness, but the tannins need to mellow over the next few years – and they will do just that if given the chance. Screwcap. 13.9% alc. **Rating** 91 **To** 2028 \$20 ★

    **Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2012** **Rating** 89 **To** 2016 \$20

**Street Art White 2013** **Rating** 88 **To** 2016 \$15 ★

**Street Art Red 2013** **Rating** 88 **To** 2016 \$15 ★