



WOMEN OF THE MCC WOMEN IN WINE



Nine One Six

Presented by Erin-Marie O'Neill, Specialist Pinot Producer

nineonesix.com.au

Before running the small Nine One Six wine business, Erin-Marie worked in IT for more than 25 years with large corporations including IBM and PwC Consulting.

In 2008, after inner-city living, looking for a bucolic lifestyle on the outskirts of Melbourne, Erin-Marie and her husband found a beautiful place in Steels Creek, and moved to the Yarra Valley.

The local community welcomed them, and they were introduced to a well regarded viticulturist who had been looking after the vineyard already for fifteen years, who in turn introduced them to a “young gun” now internationally renowned winemaker, and together they agreed to make the first vintage of Nine One Six.

A few weeks before their first harvest, the 2009 Black Saturday fires came through, causing loss of life and widespread devastation. Albeit their home and all possessions gone, baby Henry arrived in 2010, the vineyard was gradually recovering, and there was wine to be made!

Since then, each year grapes are handpicked from select areas in the vineyard and sold in limited supply to people who collect wine that is interesting, unusual, and exclusive. Nine One Six Pinot Noir Insiders care about authenticity, product provenance, and enjoy vintage to vintage variation of pinot noir.

Yeringberg

Presented by fourth generation winemaker at Yeringberg, Sandra de Pury

yeringberg.com.au

Sandra hasn't always made wine - she actually started studying medicine after finishing school. That was a short-lived career choice!

An apprenticeship as a chef was the beginning of Sandra's career. Many years cooking in Australia and overseas were complemented by a Swiss diploma in Hotel Management.

Sandra tried to move away from sensory occupations in her early 30s. She completed an MBA and despite enjoying some years in management consulting, she enrolled in a winemaking degree.

She completed a Bachelor of Wine Science and made extensive trips to many wine regions of the world, including working vintage in Bordeaux in 2006.

Sandra now lives at Yeringberg with her two teenage boys. She is passionate about wine and food (obviously!) as well as cycling, growing vegetables and travelling.

She is currently President of the Board of the Wine Yarra Valley.