

# **JOSHUA COOPER**

## **MACEDON RANGES AND SURROUNDS**

Gourmet Traveller Wine Young Winemaker of The Year

**Gourmet Traveller 2020**

“One of Australia’s brightest young winemakers.”

**Mike Bennie, Voyeur Magazine, May 2018**

“Joshua Cooper is one of Australia’s brightest young stars” **Nick Stock**  
**jamesuckling.com 2020**

“From Victoria, Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs from the likes of Gary Farr (By Farr), Joshua Cooper and Robert Walters (Place of Changing Winds) should be changing perceptions of Australian wine. These are in many cases delicate, elegant, refined wines that deliver classic varietal expression and defy old stereotypes.”

**Joe Czerwinski robertparker.com 2021**

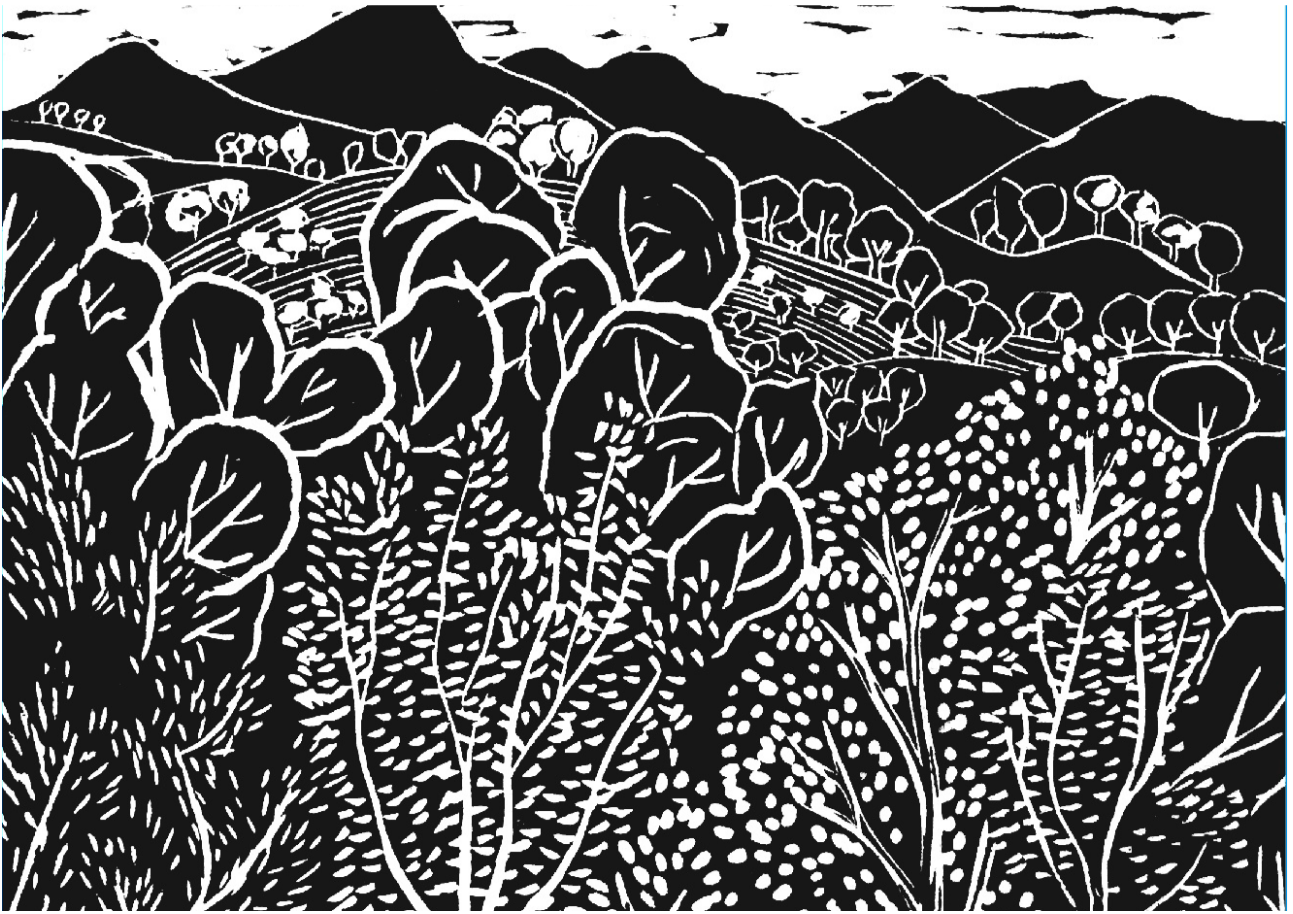
“...Using grapes bought in from carefully chosen, non mainstream sources...However difficult the bottles may be to get into, their contents are pretty impressive.”

**Jancis Robinson, The Cool Macedon Ranges with Max, April 2018**

“His latest releases show the range of his talent with pinot noir and, especially, chardonnay... With Cooper’s light touch in Old Port Righ was our top scoring chardonnay from Australia this year.”

**Wine & Spirits Magazine Winter 2020**

## EARLY RELEASE WINES VINTAGE 2022



### Vintage 2022

Although not presenting without challenge, 2022 was a welcome follow on from 2021's classic conditions, presenting wines with fine tannin, vibrant fruit and acidity. It is a fantastic follow up to 2021 and in time, I believe, will become highly regarded.

Again very little Chardonnay was able to be produced due poor flowering and high disease pressure resulting in grapes of less than desirable standard.

Very happily though there was the introduction of three new vineyards (more on these in a few months time) which should provide ongoing fruit, including Redbank - which makes up a component of the Cabernet Sauvignon blend.

Redbank Vineyard is a name that should need no introduction to lovers of Victorian wines. Established in the 1970's in Redbank on Ordovician

shale, quartz and ironstone rubble it now supplies me a small amount of old vine Cabernet Sauvignon from vines planted in the 1970's. Like Balgownie, these are benchmark wines of their region for me, with the early years of the Sally's Paddock blend being touchstones for the potential of Pyrenees Cabernet Sauvignon.

There will also be a "Old Vines" Cabernet/Shiraz blend harking back to the famous multi-regional blends by Seppelt's and the likes. Comprising components of 1950's planted Heathcote Shiraz and Cabernet, and Cabernet Sauvignon from the Balgownie 1970 Block, and 1970's planted Redbank and Williams Vineyards (of Flynn and Williams).

While a completely different style (due to the blending) in my eyes it surpasses the 2021 Balgownie as the best I've yet bottled and is destined for a very long life.

This wine will be released in around a months time and is limited to 75 dozen bottled. There will be future similar blends in the future if quality warrants.

## **Wines**

### **2022 Pinot Rose**

A blend of Pinot Gris from the granitic soils of the Dash Farms vineyard, perched at 550m altitude on the slopes of Mt Alexander plus Pinot Noir from both Doug's Vineyard and Ray-Monde. Produced via direct pressing, with a long, slow and gentle cycle.

Similar to previous releases of rose this is a savoury and textural gastronomic style. Light salmon pink, aromas of musk, strawberry, pear skin and complexing undergrowth and spice fill the glass. The palate is textured and long, with a subtle structuring tannic presence.

250 Dozen Produced \$38/bottle

### **2022 Cabernet Rose**

Cabernet Sauvignon saignee of fruit from Dash Farms, post a six hour soak on skins. Again gastronomic and textured, this offers an extra degree of structure, complexity and potential to age into the medium term.

Intense and evocative aromatics of currant, gravel, sweet green herb, spice and violet precede a palate of great texture, length and balance. This wine will become more savoury, and complex with time in bottle. A very serious rose style. Please decant if drinking young.

75 Dozen Produced \$50/bottle

## **2022 Pinot Noir Blend**

Produced from a fantastic vintage for Pinot Noir, 65% Doug's Vineyard and 35% Ray-Monde.

The best Pinot Noir blend to date. Perfectly ripe vibrant fruit as well as the complexity these sites innately deliver.

A lovely mix of delicate red berries, rose and spice from Doug's Vineyard and the dark, guttural depth of Ray-Monde.

A fantastic introduction to the style of my Pinot wines and while approachable and delicious right now, it is destined to age well over the medium term.

120 Dozen produced \$50/bottle

## **2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Blend**

The ultimate "Luncheon Claret" a style oh so dear to my heart. The wine is built around a backbone of Shays Flat and Dash Farms, combined with smaller components of Balgownie Old Vines and Redbank.

Medium weight, fresh and vibrant, yet also offering fantastic complexity and serious tannin. An introduction to the style of the single vineyard

Cabernets to follow later in the year, again this wine will age into the medium term as well as it drinks right now.

Cassis, gravel, cedar, wild herb and violet predominate. A Cabernet with great clarity of flavour and aromatics, and again a seriousness of structure. Please decant.

330 Dozen produced \$40/bottle