



## wine notes

*Our wines benefit from the unique site in which our grapes grow. French Island Vineyards is a young, boutique winery located at historical Long Point Homestead on the pristine shores of Westernport Bay. It enjoys a similarly cool climate, however, due to the shelter of surrounding ranges, receives less rainfall during ripening and more climatic consistency. We achieve moderate yields and great ripeness levels.*

## our wines:

### *french island vineyards pinot gris 2008*

Handmade by renowned winemaker Clare Halloran, our pinot gris is typical of the variety where it has found a happy home.

A cooler year producing a wine with beautiful weight and texture. Orange citrus hay nose and rich hedonistic style. A multi-dimensional wine with layers of flavour. Persistent and long.

Quite Alsacian in style, with subtle pear & apple aromatics & plenty of fruit richness on the mid-palate. Very good length & excellent acid/sugar balance. "A very nice wine". (Winestate Magazine 2010 annual edition)

Best enjoyed with Asian food or on its own.

### *french island vineyards chardonnay 2006*

Aromas of fresh cream, peaches, cashews and citrus. The palate marries beautifully integrated French Oak with a creamy lees texture. The fruit is fresh yet refined giving a finely balanced palate.

Great with roast chicken.

### *french island vineyards pinot noir 2006*

A lifted nose of mushrooms, earth & blackberry, with some herbal overtones. A substantial palate with flesh & great tannin structure that will reward aging. Some savoury elements married to the fleshy fruit yield a wine with persistence & underlying acidity. An intriguing wine that suggests great longevity.

Enjoy with lamb chops or tomato based pasta.