



# Chardonnay 10

Chardonnay 10, hosted by Garry and Julie Hounsell of Toolangi Vineyards was a celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their vineyard in Dixon's Creek and the great chardonnays of the world. The prestigious event was designed to compare the great international chardonnays with those produced in the Yarra Valley.

Three separate events were conducted as a part of Chardonnay 10.

A panel of distinguished judges accepted the invitation to compare the wines. Yarra Valley resident and renowned wine journalist James Halliday chaired the panel and was joined by New Zealand's Bob Campbell MW, Huon Hooke and Debra Meiburg MW of Hong Kong. The judges took part in a private international benchmark chardonnay tasting a range of wines from the Yarra Valley, New Zealand, France, Italy and California. Some of these included 2007 Blain-Gagnard Chassagne Montrachet "La Boudriotte" Premier Cru, Burgundy, France, 2007 Bouchard Pere & Fils Meursault Genevrieres Premier Cru, Burgundy, France, 2007 Etienne Sauzet Puligny Montrachet "Les Perrieres" Premier Cru, Burgundy, France, 2006 Tarrawarra Reserve Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Australia, 2008 Felton Road Block 2 Chardonnay Central Otago, New Zealand and 2006 Toolangi Reserve Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Australia.

The second element of the celebration was a two hour masterclass guiding participants through four brackets of chardonnay in a tutored tasting.

A glamorous gala dinner in the Oak Room of Chateau Yering, Yering, concluded the event. Garry Hounsell thanked guests for attending and the many that had assisted the growth of Toolangi Vineyard. He also thanked sponsors which included Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine for their support of the inaugural event. A six course dinner designed by Executive Chef Matthew Macartney included Poached Buxton Salmon, Toolangi Delight Potato and Truffle Ravioli and Roasted Grimaud Duck Breast and no shortage of clinking glasses filled with fine wine.





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 This page: 1. Julie Hounsell of Toolangi Wines with Jenny and Michael Perry of Brighton 2. Kim West of Melbourne with Stephen Shelmerdine of Woori Yallock 3. Winsor Dobbin of Tasmania and Betsy Pie of Melbourne 4. Tom Carson and Nadege Sune of Yarra Glen and Serrat Wines 5. Gary and Jill Bertuch of Hawthorn 6. Trent Mizis and Emma Hounsell with Andrea and Adrian Batty, all of Melbourne 7. Mary Gebbie and Nicky Harris of Healesville 8.Katie and Michael Wedgwood of Middle Park

