

GIPPSLAND  VICTORIA

NARKOOJEE

2004 Four Generations Merlot



The excellent quality of the merlot from this vintage motivated our decision to keep back a small portion of the wine for extra cellaring in older French oak. Our reward is this beautifully balanced merlot showing great elegance and complexity. The wine is our vehicle for commemorating a century of four generations of the Friend family. Athelstan Hardcastle Friend, born 1907, established the Narkoojee dairy farm; his son Harry, established the Narkoojee vineyard and winemaking venture; Harry's son Axel is co-winemaker and now Axel's son, Isaac, born 2007, "is the hope of the side".

Colour:	Intense, deep black cherry red with dense crimson edges
Bouquet:	Black currant, cassis, mulberries and violets with soft cedary oak
Flavour:	Black currant and mulberries with black olives and dried apple
Texture:	Refreshing and zesty, enhanced by fine, tightly structured tannins
Alcohol:	13.5%