

2012 Warramate Pinot Noir

Region

Yarra Valley (Gruyere)

Vineyard

Warramate, elevation 160 to 180 metres AMSL.

Soil

Silty clay loam over yellow clay.

Vines

Fruit was sourced exclusively from our "young" Year-2000 plantings. This 5.0 acre plot comprises four distinct Pinot Noir clones (55% MV6, 18% 114, 18% 115 & 9% G5V15). These vines are situated at the most westerly position on the estate, benefiting from the sheltering effects of aspect & bordering windbreaks. The vines are generally spared over-exposure to hot northerly winds & late-afternoon sun in Summer which aids in the development & accumulation of delicate, perfumed fruit characters & subtle expression of its site through the vehicle of Pinot Noir.

All Warramate vines are farmed without irrigation.

Aroma & Bouquet

The nose of this Pinot noir offers subtle notes of mixed berry, black cherry and a little spice woven amongst a perfumed grape stalk lift and cigar box oak.

Palate

The palate is dominated by red and blue fruits with the varietal silkiness giving it a feminine lightness through the mid palate before the oak tannins pick it up and carry it to a long and lingering finish. This blend of 4 distinct Pinot Noir clones shows intense varietal character married with distinctive complex qualities specific to our single vineyard and reflective of the conditions peculiar to the growing season.

Winemaking

Hand harvested in the cool of the morning, Destemmed with a small amount of stalks added back and also a component of whole bench fermentation. Basket pressed prior to being transferred to oak barrels. Matured for 18 months in 100% French Oak (30% new), this elegant and intensely perfumed Pinot Noir will continue to evolve for 5 -8 years.

Cellaring

This Pinot Noir is ready for immediate enjoyment. However, the astute siting of the vineyard plots, clonal selection married with dry-growing of the vines, cool seasonal growing conditions & a non-interventionist approach in the winery all combine to contribute complexity & ageability to the blend, a rare feat for wines at this price point. Expect a complexing & graceful evolution for 10+ years under suitable cellaring conditions.

Analysis

Alc : 13.5%