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2023 ESTATE PINOT NOIR

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Macedon Ranges	Alc/Vol (%): 12.6
Varietals: Pinot Noir	pH: 3.6
Harvested: April 2023	TA (g/L): 5.8
Bottled: June 2024	Cellaring: 10 – 15 years.
Winemaker: Oliver Rapson	Cases: 500

VINEYARDS

Estate grown. Clones: D5V12 (65%), Able (14%), MV6 (11%), 115 (5%), 777 (5%)
Sustainable vineyard management
Soil: Yellow chromosol, grey kandosols & red ferrosols – lower Ordovician era
Altitude: 500-510 metres. Yield per vine: 1.6kg
Vineyard blocks: The Greys & Farrowell. A combination of all our clones and sites, this years pinot is restrained, delicate and savoury, a reflection of the vintage.

TASTING NOTES

An infusion of red fruits, such as currents and glazed cherries interplay with more earthy characters and forest floor, even grassy. A true representation of vintage where fruit play second fiddle to more savoury characters. On the palate we see a clear acid structure like much of LW wines, but perhaps the cleanest and most direct when it comes to length. Delicate but complex, one that will continue to grow.

VINIFICATION

100% hand picked. All clones processed separately.
Bunch sorted. 10% whole bunch (semi carbonic maceration), remainder destemmed. Wild fermentation in open vats, three weeks on skins. Pumped over. Pressed at dryness to French barriques (20% new, 80% older) for 12 months maturation. Unfined, unfiltered, vegan.

SEASON

The start of the 2023 growing season was exceedingly wet, delaying budburst substantially, which had a knock-on effect across every stage of the vine development. However, the extra rain also helped in setting some great fruit and our vineyards had never looked so healthy. In contrast to our record-breaking rainfall in October 2022, January and February were some of the driest months we've had in years. This had a further impact on vine development, particularly when coupled with some unseasonably cool days throughout the peak of summer. Ultimately we ended up with a cool but steady end of season, with some later rain events. We recorded our latest picks on record.