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2023 FARRAWELL PINOT NOIR

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Macedon Ranges Alc/Vol (%): 12.0
Varietals: Pinot Noir pH: 3.6
Harvested: April 2023 TA (g/L): 5.8
Bottled: June 2024 Cellaring: 10 – 15 years.
Winemaker: Oliver Rapson

VINEYARD - FARRAWELL

Single Block. Clones: D5V12 (70%), MV6 (20%), 115 (10%). Sustainable vineyard management
Soil: Yellow chromosol, grey kandosols – lower Ordovician era
Altitude: 510 metres. Yield per vine: 1.6kg
The Farrowell vineyard was diligently planted in 1996 by Bob and Barbara Farrowell. This year we continue our journey to showcase our latest Farrowell, our oldest and most distinct vineyard. This wine speaks to varietal, location and wine making technique, so different to anything else we have. This 28 year old block keeps giving us some of our finest fruit, red and upright, with clarity and direction, along intense bouquet. Its delicate and alluring, and this year doesn't disappoint. Our corner stone vineyard and one we cherish.
This vineyard has a unique grace and beauty deserving its own limited label. Only 75 cases.

TASTING NOTES

An alluring combination of sweet spice, nutmeg, cinnamon, and red fruits, raspberry, red currents along with a touch of fresh tobacco. It's has a layered mid palate with structure, a strong acid frame allows for the wine to glide and provide length and longevity, but with a smooth finish that is balanced and generous.

VINIFICATION

100% hand picked. All clones processed separately.
Bunch sorted. 30% whole bunch (semi carbonic maceration), remainder destemmed. Wild fermentation in open vats, three weeks on skins. Pumped over. Pressed at dryness to French barriques (30% new, 80% older) for 12 months maturation. Unfined, unfiltered, vegan. Only the best three barrels from this block are picked to make up this limited release.

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.