



LYONS WILL

EST. 1996

2023 THE GREYS PINOT NOIR

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Macedon Ranges	Alc/Vol (%): 12.4
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 – THE GREYS

Single Block. Clones: Abel (60%), MV6 (20%), 777 (20%). Sustainable vineyard management
Soil: Yellow chromosol, grey kandosols – lower Ordovician era

Altitude: 510 metres. Yield per vine: 1.6kg

In 2017, after a lot of research, wrangling and preparation we planted an exciting new 2.5 acre block of Pinot, predominantly made up of the infamous Abel clone (see Ata Rangji), supported by Australia's own MV6 and an earlier ripening plush Burgundian clone called 777. The site is our warmest, sheltered from the wind and furthest away from people. A perfect location for springtime Kangaroo sparring, hence the name "The Greys" – a homage to our native community of roos that travel daily between forest and plains, with a quick mid-commute punch on. This vineyard has a unique grace and beauty deserving its own limited label. Only 75 cases.

TASTING NOTES

Blackberry and strawberry comes to the front, deeper set mid palate, reflecting a warmer site. Texture and silky tanning work the mid palate with a nice interplay between acidity and mid palate weight. Its rich without being ripe, finds a nice balance between fruit and oak.

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.