



# Helen's Hill 2015 First Light Single Clone Reserve Pinot Noir



## ABOUT

Single Vineyard, single clone, single focus. Our Single Clone Reserve Pinot Noirs speak to everything we are as vignerons and winemakers. We are cool climate producers, and this is the pinnacle of our craft. Sourced from 'old vines' planted in 1983 and our most easterly block of vines. As such the first block to be touched by the 'first light' of dawn each morning. Made entirely from the MV6 pinot clone, our First light pinot noir truly reflects the unique characteristics of Australia's very own pinot noir clone.

## WINEMAKERS NOTES

Once the fruit has reached the perfect balance of acidity, sugar levels and flavour, it is immediately hand picked. From there, we de-stem and lightly crush the fruit to maintain a percentage of whole berries for open top fermentation. This Pinot spends between 10 on skins, with daily gentle pump overs to increase structure and aromatics. It is then pressed off and racked into French oak barrels (40% new oak) for 11 months to mature.

## 2015 VINTAGE REPORT

Moderate rainfall throughout spring, along with warm spring temperatures, led to good yields. Flowering conditions were nigh on perfect and these conditions followed through into fruit set in early January. Warm but not extreme temperatures continued into summer and meant a very early start to harvest. A dry March, with cool overnight temperatures, kept disease pressure low and allowed grapes to retain excellent natural acidity.

## TASTING NOTES

A deep burnished red in colour, typical of the MV6 clone, this wine is subtle at first, as dark bramble fruits and strawberries and a hint of spice draw you in. Savoury and complex, its length is a standout as dried fruits, Yarra earthy tones and spices linger on the palate for what seems like forever.

Colour	Deep ruby red.
Aroma	Red fruits, earthiness and spices.
Palate	Intense dark fruits, powerful tannins.



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