



Helen's Hill 2016 The Smuggler Single Clone Reserve Pinot Noir



ABOUT

Single Vineyard, single clone, single focus. Our Single Clone Reserve Pinot Noirs speak to everything we are as vigneron and winemakers. We are cool climate producers, and this is the pinnacle of our craft. Sourced from a single block of low lying, east facing vines, this wine is made from 100% Abel clone Pinot Noir.

This cuttings path to our shores is one of intrigue and espionage. All we can say is we are happy it's here. Abel clone Pinot Noir is beautifully fruit forward and expressive, yet in the most elegant and structured way.

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 spent 10 days on skins, with daily gentle pump overs to enhance structure and aromatics. It was then pressed off and racked into French oak barrels (40% new oak) for 11 months to mature.

2016 VINTAGE REPORT

Flowering conditions in November were similar to 2015; close to perfect. Mild weather through the Spring period led to consistent fruit set and good yields throughout the vineyard. The favourable weather continued on into the ripening season. Consistent heat and moderate rainfall allowed for a controlled ripening season. The result was well balanced fruit, with lovely acidity matching the sugar level, allowing us to build our 2016 wines the way we like to.

TASTING NOTES

This Pinot's bouquet is extremely inviting. The promise of intense red fruits of cherry and brambles invites you in. Once on the palate, this wine is wonderfully fruit forward, dark cherry and spice matched perfectly with characteristic earthy notes that Yarra Pinot typically displays. Fruit is not all the wine delivers though, as ample acidity and tannin structure drive the wine through to the back pallet with ease.

Colour
Aroma
Palate

Dark Crimson.
Black Cherry and Spices.
Intense dark fruits, powerful tannins.



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