



Helen's Hill 2019 'Long Walk' Pinot Noir



ABOUT

The Helen's Hill 'Long Walk' Pinot Noir is made primarily from carefully selected rows in the largest block of Pinot Noir we have on the property. Each of the 120 rows are 520 metres long. So, when it comes time to pull on the boots and venture out into our big Pinot block you know you are in for a seriously long walk. We love to spend our days out there, getting our hands dirty and wearing out the soles of our blundstones. Speaking of getting down and dirty, that's what you can expect when you taste the Long Walk Pinot Noir. Distinctly Yarra Valley, it's earthy, it's gamey, it's certainly not a pretty Pinot Noir. One of our finest achievements is that we take the unique characteristics of the 'terroir' that the Yarra provides, and we bottle it. It's all here waiting for you to discover and enjoy.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Comprising four clones, all from old vines, the fruit is destemmed but not crushed for whole berry fermentation in open top fermenters with 8-10 days on skins. Pressed, settled and racked to French oak puncheons (30% new) for 11 months, held on fine lees without racking until they are racked for bottling.

2019 VINTAGE REPORT

The Yarra Valley experienced a cool, yet relatively dry winter with below average rainfall. Similar conditions continued into early Spring with some much needed warmth coming at the right time to allow for a successful flowering period in late November and healthy crop loads. Timely rain throughout December was a godsend and helped get the vines through the important stages of fruit set and veraison. As we entered true summer, temperatures soared consistently into the high 30's, keeping the viticulture team on thier toes until harvest. The result of these conditions have the 2019 Helen's Hill wines displaying richer, fuller bodied characteristics than can usually be expected from a site as cool as ours.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of dark cherry, cloves and spice are complemented with typical earthy tones that Yarra Valley pinot noir is famous for producing.

On the palate, this wine displays the hallmarks of a warmer Yarra vintage. Ample fruits of dark cherry and spiced plums take the lead, fine tannins and french oak humming along in the background to create length and structure.



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