



HELEN'S HILL

SINGLE VINEYARD YARRA VALLEY



2021 En Vie Blanc de Noir Sparkling

ABOUT

En Vie, in French it means 'Alive'. That's exactly how we want you to feel when you pop open a bottle of this delicious sparkling wine. En Vie came to existence due to the fact that we were simply fed up with drinking inexpensive bubbles that were too sweet or too bland. It left us feeling like this style of sparkling had something more to give. Our En Vie sparkling strikes a perfect balance between fruit sweetness and balanced acidity. Drink En Vie with good food and in good company and you can't help but feel alive.

2020 VINTAGE REPORT

The 2020 winter period provided the vines with a great start to the 2021 vintage as consistent rainfall filled our dams, replenished moisture levels in the subsoil of the vineyard. Spring provided us with consistent weather for flowering and a much needed consistent fruit set after the low crops of 2020. The good weather continued into the ripening period as we enjoyed consistent ripening weather throughout January and February and only 1 - 2 days reached a top temperature of 35 degrees or more. These conditions resulted in the fruit maintaining levels of natural acidity not seen in many years in the Yarra Valley whilst also having time to develop intense fruit character slowly to match the acidity which is ideal. We are looking at 2021 as having the potential to be one of the all-time great Yarra Valley vintages.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The Pinot Noir fruit for this wine was picked early in the season to ensure the natural acidity of the fruit remained high. Whole bunch pressing is used to ensure minimal skin contact. This gentle approach is used to ensure we maintain fruit character and balanced acidity along with a naturally expressive aroma for this wine. Method Charmat is used for secondary fermentation to achieve a fine bead for this sparkling wine.

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant pale straw in colour with the slightest of pink hues. This wine's inviting aroma jumps out at you, showing fresh strawberry and red apples. The palate is lively, with the pinot fruit character of red apple and berries balancing perfectly with fresh, zesty acidity.



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