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115 Tasting Note

The 2019 AER 115 Pinot Noir has a compelling bouquet of layered red and black fruits with a hint of clove and dried rose petals. The medium bodied palate unveil dark red fruit flavours along with precise, fine tannins and a pure line of acidity. Integrated and complex oak aromatics and structure provides the finishing touches as it builds to a powerful finish. While it can be enjoyed now, it will require cellaring to reach its full potential over the next 10 - 15 years.

Vineyard

For the Mornington Peninsula, a slightly warmer site situated at the northern end of the Peninsula, with an elevation of 30 metres above sea level and a gentle northern slope. Clay loam soils prevail. Planted to 115 Pinot clone it provides structured and varietal fruited wines. Fruit typically ripens in early March and for Pinot Noir that means a darker fruit profile with great depth of flavour and structure. The afternoon sea breeze reduces any hot northerly winds. The elegance and ripeness in this block lends itself to some whole-bunch fermentation depending on the vintage conditions.

Vintage

A mild and relatively dry winter and spring resulted in ideal flowering and fruit set indicating a beautiful crop. The ripening period during summer was relatively warm and harvest commenced during the first week of March. In summary, the season has produced exceptional flavour ripeness with bright and intense fruit, elegant fine tannin and lovely overall balance.

Winemaking

Hand picked and destemmed while keeping the berries whole into 3 tonne open fermenters. A small percentage of whole bunch was added to the fermenter. A cold soak of 5 days with daily pump overs before primary ferment commenced. During the peak of alcoholic fermentation the open fermenters were hand plunged 3 times daily before being pressed off skins after 24 days. Racked to barrel for MLF and a 11 month maturation of which 40% was new French oak.

Technical Information

Alcohol: 13.3%v/v
pH: 3.54
TA: 5.74 g/L

Winemaker

Andrew Santarossa

Quantity Produced

1588 Bottles

Price

\$390 per case

\$65 per bottle