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2020 SINGLE VINEYARD HEXHAM PINOT NOIR



TECHNICAL

VARIETALS:	Pinot Noir
CLONES:	MV6, 777, 115, D4V2
HARVEST:	11 March 2020
BAUME AT HARVEST:	12.2
pH AT HARVEST:	3.6
TA AT HARVEST:	6.0

2020 VINTAGE

The further we got into winter, the colder and wetter it became compared to the past 25-year average. Spring continued in this vain with temperatures cooler than average, and rainfall higher, with the dam filling naturally in late November. December bucked the trend with abnormally high temperatures, five days above 35°C degrees and three days above 40°C and very low rainfall. This mirrored the rest of the country where the drought and high temperatures prevailed throughout Queensland and New South Wales.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Pinot Noir is a very selective grape. It does not like the heat but does like the sun. It likes to be on well drained soils so not good on flat landscapes. It likes warm days but more importantly, cool summer nights. It is so demanding that only a few regions in Australia can aspire to produce a Pinot Noir of any pedigree. The Yarra Valley has attained that status over the decades, and we have set out to support that reputation with our attention to details and first rate vineyard sites. We practice a cold soak to create some savoury complexity to the wine and use indigenous yeast for all our ferments. The resulting long, secondary maturation in premium French oak has added a layer of gamey mushroom complexity.

TASTING

Bright, cherry aromas are supported by a palate of intense red fruit, crushed raspberry leaf and deep forest flavours. Elegant weight, balanced length and precise fruit definition means the wine finishes with clean minerality.

PAIRING

Slow roasted duck, cannellini beans and rhubarb pickle or herb and pecorino stuffed portobello mushrooms.

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