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2021 SINGLE VINEYARD HEXHAM PINOT NOIR-SYRAH



2021 VINTAGE

Winter was wetter and warmer than the 25-year average, building the water table with spring cooler than normal, slowing down the vegetative cycle. These cooler temperatures persisted into summer with some abnormal drenching rains in January adding to the mild temperatures. February witnessed no rain to speak of setting up for a calm harvest through March. The crop was slightly heavier than normal due to January rain although the crunch of natural acidity from a cooler season helped set up good natural fermentation and ultimate wine balance.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Pinot Noir and Syrah together might be an oxymoron to some. The blend, however, has a great heritage in Australian winemaking with many legendary wines made of this blend in the forties and fifties by some of Australia's most famous winemakers.

TASTING

This wine could simply be the middle ground when trying to create a light dry red; the place where the nervous tension and acid of the Pinot helps make the spicy, tannic Syrah fundamentally softer and more approachable.

About equal weight of each variety helps make the blend not more than the other, and it is this balance that makes it right for any occasion.

PAIRING

Wild mushroom and burrata bruschetta.

TECHNICAL

PINOT NOIR: 55% YEAST: Wild

SYRAH: 45% OAK: Barriques & Puncheons

STYLE: Light Dry Red OAK AGE: 20% New