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of YARRA VALLEY

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## 2021 PINOT NOIR d'SOUMAH

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### 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 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.

The barrel fermentation develops the rich flavour and aroma of the wine and a good portion of new barrels adds classic soft oak characters helping the overall integration of the wine.

### TASTING

Displaying an attractive garnet colour, this Pinot Noir delivers a cherry and raspberry fruit profile along with savoury fleshiness.

### PAIRING

Roasted beetroot, cauliflower and lentil salad.

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