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2021 SINGLE VINEYARD UPPER NGUMBY PINOT NOIR



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 likes the sun. It likes to be on well drained soils, so not good on flat landscapes. It likes warm days but more important, cooler nights. It is so demanding that only a few Australian regions can aspire to produce 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 selecting small patches of older wines from various Single Vineyard sites from across the Valley.

The Upper Ngumby vineyard is within the confines of Yarra Glen, sloping gently east. It is protected from the late afternoon sun by the Christmas Hills rising to the west. The older MV6 clones, coupled with the 115 clone, produced a restrained, savoury style of Pinot Noir.

TECHNICAL

VARIETALS:	Pinot Noir
CLONES:	MV6, 115
HARVEST:	2 - 11 March 2021
YEAST:	Wild
OAK AGE:	25% New Oak
BAUME AT HARVEST:	12.6
pH AT HARVEST:	3.55
TA AT HARVEST:	5.5

TASTING

Perfumed aromas of crushed berries and wild herbs abound with hints of spice. Lifted minerality gives the palate length and refined oak adds depth and complexity.

PAIRING

Roasted rack of lamb or sweet, delicate and creamy Mauri Taleggio.

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