

2011

PINOT NOIR

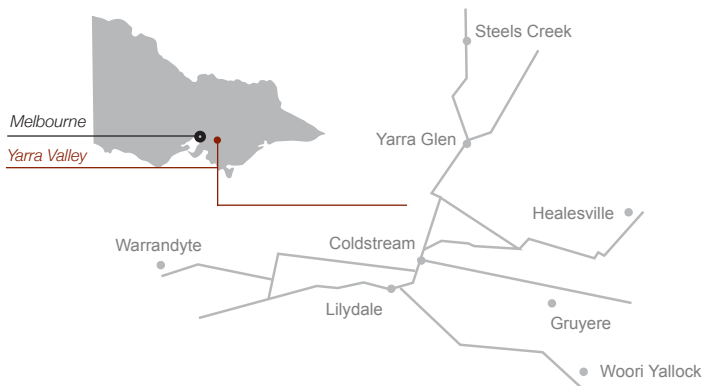
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YARRA VALLEY - WOORI YALLOCK

Quote Mac Forbes; "this is my favourite vineyard". Enough said.

Vineyard

Planted in 1995 on own roots at an elevation of 100-145m, this MV6 vineyard is cane pruned and only 1.3 Ha. With a southerly aspect, this is our coolest pinot site to date which also receives higher average rainfall (830mm). Grey loam on brown, gravelly clay.



Vintage Conditions

The 2011 season started off well with a warmer than usual August. Rainfall in the months October, November, January and February saw the highest totals recorded for years. The vineyards were under constant observation and very tight management to work with the cool and wet season. Many sites required leaf plucking and bunch removal to encourage airflow and light around the bunches. The mild summer led to a long ripening period with many blocks picked later than usual.

Winemaking

The grapes for this wine were de-stemmed into small open fermenters and a portion of it was heavily footstomped. The wine spent 8 days on skins and 10 months in French oak, 7% of which was new (Damy). The wine was racked only once, prior to being un-fined and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

- Colour : Bright ruby.
 Nose : Raspberry, cherry and strawberries with spice, fine citrus oak and potpourri of dried flowers.
 Palate : Balanced and elegant fruit profile. Wild red fruits give way to dark chocolate and subtle shortbread dough like sweetness. The finish supported by fine chalky tannin and long lined acidity.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol	: 12.3%
Acidity	: 5.4g/L
pH	: 3.51

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