

# MAC FORBES

## YARRA JUNCTION PINOT NOIR 2012

*Yarra Junction is our coolest site located in the far eastern Yarra Valley, just next to Wesburn. Situated on gravelly soils, this north eastern site receives cooling influences off the surrounding mountains and is protected from the afternoon sun. The wine is the lightest of the five single vineyard Pinot's we produced in 2012. Yarra Junction will appeal to those who prefer a more immediately accessible style. It offers femininity and fragility almost within the context of a classic European Pinot.*



## TASTING NOTES:

### **Appearance:**

Pale/mid brick red with medium to low intensity.

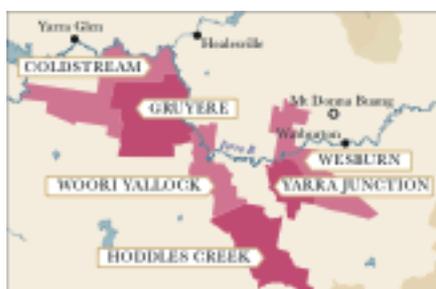
### **Nose:**

Salt and white pepper blends with fresh strawberries and a pretty violet scent.

### **Palate:**

Strawberries and cream predominate, underpinned with lacy tannins and a taut mineral finish. Persistent and clean.

## MAP OF THE LOWER & UPPER YARRA VALLEY



## WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 12.2%  
Acidity: 5.8g/l  
pH: 3.47

## VINEYARD

Town: Yarra Junction  
Region: Yarra Valley  
Planted: 1995  
Area: 0.8Ha  
Clone: MV6  
Aspect: North East  
Soils: Grey loamy clay  
overlying  
siltstone  
Altitude: 180m

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The growing season for the 2012 vintage began with a promising start, with good reserves of soil moisture from soaking rains towards the end of 2011.

Early season growth was strong, with bud burst coinciding with warm spring weather and higher levels of rainfall.

The result was good early vine growth and flowering, but it was a challenge to manage the vigorous canopy.

By Christmas, however, the weather became more settled. Veraison was swift and the ensuing harvest commenced with very good weather conditions overall.

The Yarra Junction vineyard was picked by hand on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

## WINEMAKING

Fruit: 10% whole bunch, portion foot stomped

Fermentation: hand plunged, open fermenter

Maturation: 11 months in new and old oak

Yeast: indigenous

Filtration: none

Fining: none

Bottled: Feb 5, 2013

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