

MAC FORBES

COLDSTREAM PINOT NOIR 2013

This is our warmest Pinot vineyard, so we are conscious of protecting the fruit from hot prevailing winds and high temperatures. The soils hold much of the afternoon heat so this is usually the first vineyard picked.

Due to the increased exposure, this wine displays greater fruit punctuation supported by a firm yet dense tannin bed.



TASTING NOTES:

Appearance: Medium Red. Brilliant.

Nose: Red plum, cloves and violets. A very supple Coldstream with a subtle lees influence bring all elements into harmony.

Palate: True to Coldstream structures, this wine is compact fine gravelly tannin carrying a seamless bright yet supple red/dark spicy fruit. Complex with a hint of background stalks giving lift and perfume. Dense and layered.

MAP OF THE LOWER & UPPER YARRA VALLEY



WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 13.6%
Acidity: 7.2g/L
pH: 3.52

VINEYARD

Town: Coldstream
Region: Yarra Valley
Planted: 1997
Area: 1.6Ha
Clone: MV6
Aspect: West
Soils: Grey loam overlying clay
Altitude: 110m

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The growing season of vintage 2013 started well with budburst for Chardonnay mid-September. This trend continued through spring with vines using stored moisture well into November. By December however, we were looking for moisture.

In addition to this, temperatures were considerably up in January having 14 days over 30°C and multiple peaks over 39°C. This was accompanied by just 3.6mm of recorded rainfall (effectively none). The trend continued into February with 17 days over 30°C combined with the bare minimum amount of rain.

The high temperatures and lack of water meant we saw early veraison and vines push their fruit to maturity very quickly, this resulted in one of the most compressed vintages of recent times.

The Coldstream vineyard was picked by hand on the 19th February 2013.

WINEMAKING

Fruit: 100% de-stemmed, portion foot stomped.

Fermentation: open fermenter
Maturation: 11 months in new and old oak

Yeast: indigenous

Filtration: none

Fining: none

Bottled: Jan 21, 2014

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