



William Downie 2019 Gippsland Pinot Noir

Winemaker: William Downie

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Gippsland

Sites: Purchased fruit from Berrys Creek Vineyard in South Gippsland is blended with fruit from their lease hold vineyards in Baw Baw Shire

Vintage notes: The 2019 season was very dry but not hot and, in fact, yielded the lowest alcohol levels William has seen in many years.

Vineyard notes: Berrys Creek Vineyard is planted at 6500 vines/ha on red volcanic soil at 150m elevation. It was planted by the Matthews family in 2000. Our leased vineyards are also all planted on red volcanic soil and range in elevation from 150m to 300m. The vines are between 20 and 40 years old and are, as of July 2020, all certified organic. Yields are always less than 5t/ha. All of the sites, including Berrys Creek, are dry grown.

Winemaking: All of the fruit is hand sorted and then fully destemmed. Whole berries are transferred by gravity to both wooden and stainless steel open vats. Fermentation takes place without any additions, temperature control, punch downs or pump overs. The must was pressed after 30 days and then matured in 20% new Australian made french oak barriques. The wine was assembled and a small SO2 addition made before bottling without fining or filtration in December 2019.

Closure: Diam 5 Origine

ABV: 12%

LEGEND tasting notes: An elegant and energetic ode to the complexity of western Gippsland pinot noir. Nose is aromatic and floral: strawberry gum, wild acacia, brined plum, and fresh black cherry. The palate is filigreed, with a winning combination of detail and scope. Light oak spice knits together the fruit and herbal notes, expressing a complete and fully realized vision of this grape and region.

Label design: All art done by Reg Mombassa, a New Zealand-born, Australian-raised artist and musician

Production size: 500 dozen



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