



# William Downie 2019 Millstream Vnyd Pinot Noir

**Winemaker:** William Downie

**Grape(s):** Pinot Noir

**GI:** Gippsland

**Site(s):** Millstream Vineyard

**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:** Millstream vineyard sits at 300m elevation on the eastern edge of the township of Neerim South in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range. Its gentle north-easterly aspect looks straight across to Mt Baw Baw. These soils have a little more clay than Downie's other sites and while mostly red, there are a few areas that are more chocolate brown. The vines were planted in 1985, have always been dry grown and now in conversion to certified organic status.

**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 is pressed after 30 days and then matured in old Australian made French oak barriques. The wine is assembled and a small SO<sub>2</sub> addition made before bottling without fining or filtration in December 2019.

**Closure:** Diam 5 Origine

**ABV:** 11.3%

**LEGEND Tasting Notes:** Deeply colored with rich, red and dark fruit aromas (Davidson plum, black cherry), a distinct orange oil note, as well as cinnamon myrtle and clove. The palate is dense and complex, tasting of tart and transparent black and red fruits, subtle spice, notable citrus, and damp earth. It has a chewy tannin structure and noticeable acidity on a persistent and elegant finish.

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

**Production size:** 75 dozen

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