



silent way

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Silent Way 2018 Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Matt Harrop

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Victoria

Site(s): Quarry Ridge Vineyard, Kilmore

Vintage notes: A wet January required some vigilance in disease control, but February onward was dry and warm, without any heat spikes or sunburn risk.

Vineyard notes: The Quarry Ridge vineyard, where the Semillon is grown, sits at an elevation of 400m on the southern side of the Great Dividing Range just outside of the Macedon Ranges GI. The vineyard is farmed sustainably (only very sporadic non-organic sprays as needed) and was planted between 1988 and 1998. An old bluestone quarry with mixed gravels.

Winemaking: Pinot noir grapes are hand-picked and fermented with 10% whole bunches. About 10% new oak is used for elevage, a combination of hogsheads, puncheon, and barrique. 10 months aging in barrel followed by 6 months in bottle before release. Unfined and unfiltered.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 14.6%

LEGEND tasting notes: Pure pinot character on the nose: bright red berry fruit, Tasmanian black truffles, anise myrtle, and a light coupling of spice. Palate is soft and consummately drinkable, but with a persistent and structuring acid line. Balance is near perfect: savory but juicy, bright but soft. Just a fully open and realized wine.

Label design: The artwork was originally created by friend Daniel Wallace for Matt and Tamara's wedding in 1997. Local artist and friend Mel Nightingale developed Dan's original drawings into the current labels. Earthworms, birds, snakes, friendship and love are the symbols for Silent Way.

Production size: 1200 dozen

Points: 93 Points (Suckling)