



PYREN VINEYARD

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Pyren Vineyard 2021 Little Ra Ra Pétillant #1

Winemaker: Leighton Joy / Brock Alford

Grape: 84% Shiraz / 8% Sauvignon Blanc / 8% Pinot Gris

GI: Pyrenees

Site: Estate vineyard

Vintage notes: An early frost event in late 2020 would prove no obstacle for a very good 2021 harvest. Even and well-spaced harvest periods between varieties made for a less strenuous time in the winery, despite reasonable yields. Significant rainfall through the growing season worked to favor, rather than impeding fruit development.

Vineyard notes: Pyren's estate vineyard is farmed organically (uncertified); its sedimentary soils rich with quartz formations. Red/brown clay loam feature across the property, with the most elevated vines growing in shallow soils over sandstone and schist formations. Alluvial clay silt is evident at lower elevation, albeit with consistent quartz stone laced throughout. Pyren is planted exclusively in an E/W orientation, providing invaluable shade to both fruit and earth in the warmest part of the day.

Winemaking: Hand-picked in early March and fermented with native yeast. Allowed to settle prior to racking, ahead of a temperature-controlled wild yeast ferment, all the way to dry. Once settled, the wine is charged with a fresh parcel of Mt Alexander Pinot Gris juice to reignite fermentation prior to bottling. No disgorging required.

Closure: Crown Cap

ABV: 12%

LEGEND tasting notes: A sparkling of complexity and drinkability. With 3 hours of skin maceration, this wine has a bright salmon color. The nose is of pickled watermelon, orange oil, lemon myrtle, and acacia blossoms. On the palate, the effervescence is energetic but soft, with refreshing acidity and juicy fruit weight.

Label design: Designed by Tomoro Takizawa, a close friend of Pyren Vineyard from the time Leighton lived in Tokyo in the early 2000s.

Production size: 842 dozen