

# William Downie 2020 Bull Swamp Vnyd Pinot Noir



**Winemaker:** William Downie

**Grape(s):** Pinot Noir

**GI:** Gippsland

**Site(s):** Bull Swamp Vineyard

**Vintage notes:** 2020 was one of the coolest and latest seasons in the last decade. Very small yields made sure everything ripened well, in the end!

**Vineyard notes:** Bull Swamp vineyard is farmed biodynamically, in the process of certification. Vines were planted in 1982, all are cane pruned, no tillage. Completely dry-grown on volcanic soils. The warmest single vineyard site of Bill's, with the least airflow, sitting at 120-150m above sea level with steep northern exposure.

**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 SO2 addition made before bottling without fining or filtration in December 2020.

**Closure:** Diam 5 Origine

**ABV:** 12%

**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 ripe yet transparent black and red fruits, subtle spice, violets, and damp earth. It has a velvety tannin structure and noticeable freshness 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:** 140 dozen

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