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William Downie 2021 'Cathedral' Pinot Noir

Winemaker: William Downie

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Victoria

Site(s): A blend of pinot noir from a single vineyard in King Valley (30%) and three vineyards on the Mornington Peninsula (70%): Mrs Nicks Vineyard, Rivendel, and Bluestone Lane in Balnarring.

Vintage notes: The season was mild and not too wet with decent yields across all of Victoria's southern regions. The resulting wines have great aromatics, balance and finesse.

Vineyard notes: Mrs Nicks is planted on red volcanic soils at 70m elevation. King Valley Vineyard is at Whitfield, just outside of the Whitland Plateau, at 250m above sea level and also on red volcanic soils. Rivendel is planted on sandy clay loam with D5V12 and D2V4, elevation is 100m. Bluestone Lane is on the opposite side of the road to Mrs Nicks and has same altitude and soil type.

Winemaking: All of the fruit was destemmed and not crushed. Native yeast ferment in wooden and stainless steel vats without temperature control. There were no punch-downs or pump-overs and no additions. The must was pressed after 30 days and then aged in stainless steel. A small SO₂ addition was made and the wine filtered just prior to bottling.

Closure: Diam 3

ABV: 13.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: A vibrant and somewhat wild nose of native berries (lilly pilly, muntries), bush tomato, pickled rosella, and anise myrtle. Fleshy and bright fruit fills out the palate, with loads of complexity and substance on a lithe, elegant body. Regal structure tempers the feral quality a bit, with the result being an outstandingly complex and nuanced wine.

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

Production size: 3000 dozen