

Stargazer 2020 'Rada'

Winemaker: Samantha Connew

Grape(s): 52% Pinot Noir, 48% Pinot Meunier

GI: Tasmania

Site(s): Three vineyards, one in Piper's Brook and two in Coal River Valley

Vintage notes: After another dry winter in Tasmania, budburst commenced around the middle of September. Relentlessly windy and cold conditions over spring and through to summer saw delayed shoot growth and a challenging flowering period. The cooler year, lower yields, and open canopies delivered fruit with great intensity and driving acidity.

Vineyard notes: The pinot meunier is sourced from a single vineyard in the Piper's Brook region of northeast Tasmania, planted on red ferrosol. The pinot noir comes from a north-facing Coal River Valley vineyard (in the Tea Tree subzone), on the south side of the island, planted to various clones on dark clay and dolerite, as well as a vineyard just outside of Richmond. All vineyards are members of VinZero, a Tasmanian sustainability charter.

Winemaking: The pinot meunier was harvested on April 22, at 12° baumé while the pinot noir components were harvested on April 27, both at 13.5° baumé. All fruit was destemmed and the parcels were fermented separately. Cold-soaked for three days prior to a 7-day wild-ferment. The wine was then basket-pressed and racked off gross lees into older François Frères and Ermitage oak puncheons, spending 5 months in barrel on fine lees. 3.63 pH, 5.2 g/L TA.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 12.8%

LEGEND tasting notes: A vibrant lifted nose of cranberries, muntries, struck match, violets, and poached rhubarb is married with a fresh, crunchy palate and modest soft tannins. Translucent red fruits are the hallmark of this wine, supported by savory, spicy notes from the meunier component and fresh cherry pip acidity on the finish.

Label design: "Rada" is named after Rada Penfold, a member of the famous South Australian "Penfold" wine family, who wrote a wine column for the Sydney Morning Herald to encourage consumers to drink more table wine. Artwork commissioned from Hobart artist Kate Piekutowksi.

Production size: 446 dozen



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