



Patrick Sullivan 2020 'Rain' Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Patrick Sullivan

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Gippsland

Site(s): A single vineyard in Maffra, eastern Gippsland

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: All vineyards are farmed biodynamically, in the process of certification. 30-40 year-old vines, all are cane pruned, no tillage. Completely dry-grown volcanic soils.

Winemaking: Rigorous sorting of grapes follows hand-harvest in early April. Native yeast ferment, fully-destemmed, pumped over once a day, and pressed after 3 weeks to older foudre. The only add is a small amount of sulphur.

Closure: DIAM 5 Origine

ABV: 12.8%

LEGEND tasting notes: A cool year and late harvest produced a wine that is light in color, but powerful in spirit. The aromas are of pure red fruits – rhubarb, strawberry, and lilly pilly (a tart pink native berry) – as well as fresh herbs – tarragon, river mint, and chervil. The palate is long and defined, with fleshiness and power that defies the color. A superb reflection of grape, place, and vintage.

Label design: Label art by Helsinki-based illustrator Eero Lampinan. According to Patrick, “the scope was a garden of eden on volcanics. Symbols of the green place in which we live and the rich volcanic soils. I’m not religious but like the story.”

Production size: 230 dozen