



babche wines

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Babche 2021 Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Niki Nikolovski & Tim Byrne

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Geelong

Site(s): A single vineyard in Portarlington

Vintage notes: Ample precipitation early in season ensured wines were quenched entering the growing period. Flowering was well protected and robust in the pinot noir producing consistent sized bunches and cropping throughout. Cooler temperatures and no significant heat spikes offered a long, slow ripening period contributing to excellent natural acidity and flavor development. Nearing fruit ripeness, high vigor, mild humid days increased disease pressure and fruit was handpicked shortly after.

Vineyard notes: The Nurringa Park vineyard was planted in 1994, and has been organically farmed since 2017. Both north and south facing slopes are planted to pinot noir. Soils are sandy loam and ironstone.

Winemaking: Handpicked over a day from two parcels. First pick from north facing parcel grown on dark clay and ironstone, edge of vineyard offered excellent airflow, drainage and fruit with desired acidic structure. Second parcel handpicked the same day was from south facing hill grown on dark clay. Fruit here crops heavier and is richer in profile. 90% destemmed. Wild ferment in stainless steel for 8 days then manually basket pressed. Aged 8 months in stainless steel on lees. Malo complete. Racked twice. Bottled unfinned, unfiltered and with zero additives or sulfur at any point in production.

Closure: Vinc+ Cork **ABV:** 11.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: Bright and vibrant ruby-clear color. Fresh raspberry, red cherry, and tart lilly pilly fruits on the nose, with savory hints of anise myrtle and saltbush. That youthful red-fruited character carries to the mid palate with juicy acidity and a bit of salinity. Soft tannins and a caramelized finish.

Label design: Illustrations by Bulgarian artist illustrations by Iva Dimitrova.

Production size: 150 dozen