



Patrick Sullivan 2021 Gippsland Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Patrick Sullivan

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Gippsland

Site(s): Two single vineyards: Maffra, in Central Gippsland, and Berry's Creek in South Gippsland

Vintage notes: An exemplary and classic vintage in Gippsland: cool and moderately wet conditions (at the right times) led to wines of impressive concentration as well as vibrant acidity.

Vineyard notes: Berry's Creek was planted by John Matthews at a relatively high density of 7000 vines per hectare. Situated at 200m in elevation, the vineyard's soil is volcanic loam over clay. Maffra vineyard was planted by Graeme Little, in 1987, to MV6 pinot noir and farmed by Xavier Goodridge. The soil is of sandy loam and clay, situated at sea level with an exposed aspect. Both vineyards farmed according to biodynamic principles, though not certified.

Winemaking: Hand-picked in 15kg baskets in the 3rd week in March. The fruit was chilled overnight and mostly destemmed, with 15% kept whole cluster. Fermentation took place in a single stainless-steel fermenter over 2 weeks. The Maffra component was matured in a 2000L foudre and the Gippsland component in barrique with 10% new Chassin French Oak. The only add was a small amount of sulphur.

Closure: DIAM 5 Origine **ABV:** 13%

LEGEND tasting notes: The aromas are of pure red fruits – raspberry, cherry, and lilly pilly (a tart pink native berry) – as well as fresh florals – rosewater and elderflower. The palate is long and defined, with concentration and brightness. 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.”

Production size: 230 dozen

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