



Patrick Sullivan 2021 Millstream Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Patrick Sullivan

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Gippsland

Site(s): Millstream Vineyard, Baw Baw Shire

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: Millstream vineyard is farmed biodynamically, in the process of certification. Vines were planted in 1983 by the Kelleher family on what is part of their multi-generational dairy farm. All vines are cane pruned, no tillage. Completely dry-grown on black volcanic loam over basalt. The Millstream vineyard has a gentle northerly aspect, sitting at 300m in elevation, facing Mount Baw Baw. The coldest and windiest of the single vineyard sites.

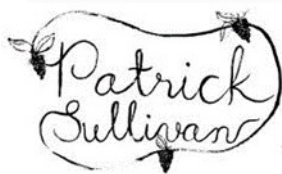
Winemaking: Fruit was harvested into 15kg baskets in the 3rd week of April, then rigorously sorted. The fruit was chilled overnight and mostly destemmed, with 15% kept whole cluster. Fermentation took place in a single stainless steel fermenter over 2 weeks. Maturation occurred in a single 700L ceramic vessel and 2 barriques.

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

LEGEND tasting notes: The aromas are of pure red fruits – cherry, mulberry, and lilly pilly (a tart pink native berry) – as well as fresh herbs – tarragon, tea leaf, and chervil. The palate is long and defined, with fleshiness and power that defies the color. Savoury spice comes through on the palate as well, with white pepper, sarsaparilla, clove, and smoked anise myrtle. A long and focused finish, with enough of both fruit and texture to be enjoyable alone or with food. 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: 128 dozen



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