



silent way

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Silent Way 2020 Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Matt Harrop

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Victoria

Site(s): Quarry Ridge Vineyard, Kilmore

Vintage notes: A cooler year in the Macedon and its environs. Matt says of the vintage, "I was very aware of retaining the pretty aromatics of the 2020 vintage, as the Quarry Ridge vineyard grows wines with positive tannin in warm years (16/18/19) and more fragrance and suppleness in cooler years (14/17/20)."

Vineyard notes: The Quarry Ridge vineyard sits at an elevation of 400m on the southern side of the Great Dividing Range just east of the Macedon Ranges GI. The vineyard is farmed sustainably (only very sporadic non-organic sprays as needed) and was planted between 1988 and 1998. An old bluestone quarry with mixed gravels.

Winemaking: Fruit was hand-picked and, for 2020, 100% destemmed - the stems were not ripe and they want to avoid any green stem tannins. A shorter time on skins than normal as well, only 12 days as opposed to 18-21 days for previous vintages. Following the pressing, MLF in mainly used oak (1 new barrel- 4% new wood!), then wines sat on the malo lees till November. The wine was racked and a small amount of SO₂ was added, then back to wood. They blended the 2020 post vintage 2021 - 14 months in wood - then bottled in late June.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 13%

LEGEND tasting notes: Pure pinot character on the nose: bright red berry fruit, Tasmanian black truffles, anise myrtle, and a light couching of spice. Palate is soft and consummately drinkable, but with a persistent and structuring acid line. Balance is near perfect: savory but juicy, bright but soft. Just a fully open and realized wine.

Label design: The artwork was originally created by friend Daniel Wallace for Matt and Tamara's wedding in 1997. Local artist and friend Mel Nightingale developed Dan's original drawings into the current labels. Earthworms, birds, snakes, friendship and love are the symbols for Silent Way.

Production size: 1200 dozen