



silent way

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Silent Way 2021 Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Matt Harrop

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Victoria

Site(s): Quarry Ridge Vineyard, Kilmore

Vintage notes:

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: All fruit is hand harvested and sorted. In 2021, they destemmed but didn't crush the fruit, aiming for a high percentage of whole berries to amplify fragrance. Natural fermentation and extended maceration work well with Quarry Ridge fruit. Post pressing, the new wine was transferred to used French hogsheads and puncheons for MLF and maturation. The wine remained on lees till January, then racked and bottled on February 20th 2022.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 13.7%

LEGEND tasting notes: Pure pinot character on the nose: bright red berry fruit, Tasmanian black truffles, anise myrtle, and a light coupling 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