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## William Downie 2021 Camp Hill Pinot Noir

Winemaker: William Downie

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Gippsland

Site(s): Camp Hill Vineyard

**Vintage notes:** 2021 was, for the most part, a very good growing season in Gippsland. January and February were mild with just enough rain to keep the vines green and lush. As a result fruit was harvested with the highest level of maturity seen since 2018.

**Vineyard notes:** This site was planted in 1998 at 250m elevation and is considered the highest point between the Strzelecki and Great Dividing Ranges. The vineyard faces north with almost 360 degree views of Baw Baw Shire. Most of the vines are MV6 with a couple of rows of 115. It is dry grown and certified organic in conversion. The red volcanic soils have a little more rock than the Bull Swamp site and the wine is finer and more acidic as a result.

**Winemaking:** All of the fruit is hand sorted and then fully destemmed. Whole berries are transferred by gravity to both wooden and stainless steel open vats. Fermentation takes place without any additions, temperature control, punch downs or pump overs. The must is pressed after 30 days and then matured in old Australian made French oak barriques. The wine is assembled and a small SO<sub>2</sub> addition made before bottling without fining or filtration in December 2021.

**Closure:** Diam 5 Origine

**ABV:** 13%

**LEGEND Tasting Notes:** High toned and airy in contrast to the base notes and darker fruit of Bull Swamp. Aromatics of rosehip, crabapple, lilly pilly (a small red native berry), and bergamot. The palate is balanced and textural with flavors of cherry pit, red currant, pine mushroom, and shiso leaf. Long, complex, and age-worthy.

**Label design:** All art done by Reg Mombassa, a New Zealand-born, Australian-raised artist and musician

**Production size:** 140 dozen