



## Moorilla 2019 Praxis Pinot Noir

**Winemaker:** Conor van der Reest

**Grape(s):** Pinot Noir

**GI:** Tasmania

**Site(s):** St Matthias Vineyard

**Vintage notes:** As a season, 2019 was another very hot one. Similar to 2018—in which February was cooler and slowed ripening—it was March that did the same in 2019. Despite these cooler periods in March, it remained warm enough for vintage to finish nearly three weeks early. Yields were solidly good crops. Not too high and not too light. Despite the heat, acids and flavor profiles were still intense. Picking was timed to provide supporting acid and structure.

**Vineyard notes:** The St Matthias vineyard sits on the rising west bank of Kanamaluka / River Tamar, fifteen kilometres north of Launceston in northern Tasmania. With ancient volcanic and newer clay soils, St Matthias is much more fertile than Moorilla's southern vineyard. Starting at ten metres above sea level, there are deeper and siltier clays. Moving west up the slope and rising to a height of 115 metres, the clay loam soils make way for granite stone and outcrops. The site's slope and proximity to the water provides natural frost protection. Facing east, the full sun on the west bank is tempered by near constant cool breezes, helping to ensure long and cool ripening conditions and limit the spread of botrytis, the noble rot, which is prevalent in Tasmania. These are stellar conditions for producing fruit-driven and acid-balanced wines.

**Winemaking:** Hand-picked and fermented with native yeast, then aged in 500L oak puncheons (16% new). Whole bunch inclusion for 2019 was around 35%.

**Closure:** Stelvin

**ABV:** 13%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** A serious pinot noir that belies its moderate price tag. Aromas of sour cherry, pomegranate, lilly pilly (and native red berry), bush tomato, and white pepper lead to a vibrant and open palate. The soft tannins provide balance to a bright-fruited front palate. Drink now. Drink later. Drink all the time.

**Production size:** 2424 dozen



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