

STARGAZER

rada 2022



LEGEND

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Samantha Connew

Grape(s): 54% Pinot Meunier, 46% Pinot Noir

GI: Tasmania **Site(s):** Three vineyards, one in Piper's Brook and two in Coal River Valley

Vintage notes: The La Niña conditions in winter 2021 created solid rainfall during the winter months, but especially through spring with Oct and Nov in some spots recording the highest spring rainfall on record. Whilst budburst commenced around normal in mid-September, the wet conditions slowed things down a little and flowering was particularly prolonged this year. Summer was dry and warm, but the slow start delayed vintage by about 10 days on average.

Vineyard notes: The pinot meunier is sourced from a single vineyard in the Piper's Brook region of northeast Tasmania, planted on red ferrosol. The pinot noir comes from Stargazer's Palisander vineyard (in the Tea Tree subzone), on the south side of the island, planted to brown dermosol on Jurassic dolerite, as well as a vineyard just outside of Richmond. All vineyards are members of VinZero, a Tasmanian sustainability charter.

Winemaking: The meunier and one of the pinot noir blocks was harvested on April 8, at 13° baumé, while the remainder of pinot noir was harvested on April 15, at 13.1° baumé. 95% of the fruit was destemmed; the rest was left as whole bunches. One-third of the pinot noir was co-fermented with the meunier. Cold-soaked for three days prior to a 7-day wild-ferment. The wine was then basket-pressed and racked off gross lees into older François Frères and Ermitage oak puncheons, spending 5 months in barrel on fine lees.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 13%

LEGEND tasting notes: A vibrant lifted nose of cranberries, muntries, struck match, violets, and poached rhubarb is married with a fresh, crunchy palate and modest soft tannins. Translucent red fruits are the hallmark of this wine, supported by savory, spicy notes from the meunier component and fresh cherry pip acidity on the finish.

Label design: "Rada" is named after Rada Penfold, a member of the famous South Australian "Penfold" wine family, who wrote a wine column for the Sydney Morning Herald to encourage consumers to drink more table wine. Artwork commissioned from Hobart artist Kate Piekutowski.

Production size: 565 dozen