

# PYREN VINEYARD

'earthscape franc' 2022



**LEGEND**  
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

**Winemaker:** Leighton Joy

**Grape:** Cabernet Franc

**GI:** Pyrenees

**Site:** Estate vineyard

**Vintage notes:** The 2022 season produced fruit with less sugar ripeness but more refined and delicate characteristics. Mostly due to the continued effect of the La Niña weather patterns. An occurrence of frost in the early parts of the season caused the fruit in some vineyards to show the effects of variable ripening and lower yielding, but overall a very strong vintage for expressive and balanced wines.

**Vineyard notes:** Pyren's estate vineyard is farmed organically (uncertified). Red/brown clay loam features across the property, with the most elevated vines growing in shallow soils over sandstone and schist formations. Alluvial clay silt is evident at lower elevations, albeit with consistent quartz stone laced throughout. Pyren is planted in an E/W orientation, providing invaluable shade to both fruit and earth in the warmest part of the day. The cabernet franc is planted in two zones of .9 hectares and 1.5 hectares.

**Winemaking:** Hand-picked and fermented with native yeast. A combination of whole bunch and whole berry fermentation. Once pressed and allowed to settle in tank, the wine is aged in neutral French 300L hogsheads for 5 months.

**Closure:** Stelvin **ABV:** 13%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** A cabernet franc with medium body, soft structure, total freshness, and the grape's classic savory notes. The aromas are a mix of ripe red and blue fruits of mulberry, red currant, and lilly pilly (a native tart berry), as well as grilled red pepper, lavender, and river mint. The palate provides a lushness of fruit that is tempered by its consistent brightness and structure.

**Label design:** The Earthscape label is named according to the lie of the land on which Pyren is planted, from the soil structure in its quartz laden mass, to the rolling valleys, and skyward facing peaks.

**Production size:** 160 dozen