

# WILLIAM DOWNIE

## camp hill pinot noir 2024



**LEGEND**

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

**Winemaker:** William Downie

**Grape(s):** Pinot Noir **GI:** Gippsland

**Site(s):** Camp Hill Vineyard

**Vintage notes:** The 2024 harvest has produced a set of wines that are, by Downie's standards, at the deeper, richer end of the spectrum. Flowering was early and the season stayed warm and dry well into March. As a result, harvest started earlier than usual and moved more quickly to completion than in the previous few seasons. For the first time in a number of years, the wines are all above 13 degrees of alcohol. They are not by any means overripe but they certainly offer more obvious fruit character and tannin than in recent vintages. These well structured wines look quite open now but also have very good potential for long aging in the cellar.

**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.

**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.

**Closure:** Diam 5 Origine **ABV:** 13.5%

**Tasting Notes:** High toned and airy. Aromatics of rosehip, crabapple, lilly pilly (a small red native berry), black plum and bergamot. The palate is balanced and textural with flavors of cherry pit, black currant, pine mushroom, and shiso leaf. Long, complex, and age-worthy, yet delicious in its youth.

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

**Production size:** 150 dozen

**Scores:** 97 Points, Suckling