

MOORILLA

muse pinot noir 2018



Winemaker: Conor Van Der Reest

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Tasmania

Site(s): Moorilla Vineyard

Vintage notes: 2018 was the earliest, quickest and largest harvest to date in Tasmania. It was a warmer than average year, with the summer average temperature 1.2°C above the long-term average. It was a warm season, without being hot, giving great ripeness and flavor. Rainfall was average, to very much below average, making for a clean harvest, with minimal pest and disease pressure.

Vineyard notes: Moorilla's southern vineyard shares the same site as MONA (the Museum of Old and New Art), located in Berriedale, just north of Hobart. The vineyard, Moorilla's original site planted in the 1950s, sits just one meter above sea level. The steady breezes along the River Derwent (timtumili minanya), which hugs the site, help reduce the risk of frosts and fungal diseases. The vines are kept cool, facilitating a long ripening process for the vines and greater flavor complexity in the fruit. The site is characterized by its soil complexity. A risen siltstone bedrock supports a soil profile that ranges from silty clay (up to four meters deep) to shallow stretches of sand (just three centimeters deep). This creates huge differences in vine size and vigor, and the fruit ripens differently throughout the vineyard. Moorilla's soil diversity also impacts the size of each yield and demands tailored harvesting times—sometimes as much as three weeks apart.

Winemaking: Hand-picked and fermented with native yeast, then aged in 500L oak puncheons (16% new). 20% whole berry fermentation with 10% carbonic maceration.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 13%

Tasting notes: A rich, heady nose of rhubarb, plums, truffle mushroom and cinnamon leads to a silken palate awash with strawberry, cocoa, Davidson plum (a tart native plum), and anise myrtle. Structure is velvety, with some light white-pepper suggestions of oak throughout. A case for the greatness of Derwent pinot noir.

Production size: 750 cases

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