

WILLIAM DOWNIE

gippsland pinot noir 2025



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AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: William Downie

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Gippsland

Site: Berrys Creek Vineyard in South Gippsland and Manilla Vineyard in East Gippsland

Vintage notes: The 2025 vintage was quite a wet vintage with very high levels of rainfall recorded, especially in the early half of the growing season. The spring was cool, but was followed by a heatwave into the summer in Victoria. Yields were up from 2024, and harvest was early and quick, smooth and healthy, with the resulting wines being bright, fresh, and drinkable.

Vineyard notes: Berrys Creek Vineyard is planted at 6500 vines/ha on red volcanic soil at 150m elevation. It was planted by the Matthews family in 1998. The vineyard is, as of July 2020, certified organic. Yields are always less than 5t/ha. Dry farmed. Manilla vineyard is farmed biodynamically, in the process of certification. Vines planted in 1986, all are cane pruned, no tillage. Completely drygrown on volcanic soils. Manilla is a flat vineyard at 300m elevation, completely enclosed by trees—a natural clos. Light is steady and conditions are mild.

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 was pressed after 30 days and then matured in 15% new Australian made French oak barriques. The wine was assembled and a small SO₂ addition made before bottling without fining or filtration.

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

Tasting notes: An elegant and energetic ode to the complexity of Gippsland pinot noir. Nose is aromatic and floral: strawberry gum, wild acacia, brined plum, and fresh black cherry. The palate is filigreed, with a winning combination of detail and scope. Light oak spice knits together the fruit and herbal notes, expressing a complete and fully realized vision of this grape and region.

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

Production size: 500 dozen