

ST HUBERTS



St Huberts Pinot Noir 2020

Hubert de Castella's passion for the Yarra Valley saw him establish St Huberts in 1862. By the late 1800s it had grown to be the largest estate in the area. The wines enjoyed immediate and on-going success at wine shows both domestically and abroad. The onset of the Great Depression, the increasing popularity of fortified wine and the emerging profitability of dairy farming saw the vineyard revert to grazing in the 1920s. It wasn't until the 1960s that the Yarra Valley again rose to prominence as a wine region and St Huberts was once again one of the pioneers.

St Huberts Pinot is usually designed to be a 'fuller' style Yarra Pinot, with more depth and concentration than many of our local brethren.

Fruit is sourced from warmer sites - particularly on the Lower Yarra Valley flats. This vintage 114 and 115 clones are over 75% of the blend. In the winery, a percentage of whole bunches in the ferments, wild yeast, a little barrel fermentation, some time on lees, and a lick of good French oak add complexity to the wines.

Most importantly the wines must look varietal - look like Pinot (not dry red), and show regional character.

Winemaker Comments Greg Jarratt

Vineyard Region Yarra Valley

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

Vintage Conditions:

A windy (and at times wet) spring resulted in poor fruit set, hence yields were low in the Yarra. After avoiding the fire and smoke, cool conditions led to nice slow ripening and good acid retention. A solid year.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date: Early-Mid March 2020

pH: 3.50

Acidity: 5.3g/L

Alcohol: 13.0%

Residual Sugar: 0.0g/L

Bottling Date: December 2020

Peak Drinking: Drink now to enjoy vibrant varietal flavours or allow depth and complexity to grow over the next four to five years or so.

Maturation:

Matured for seven months in 100% French oak barriques, with around 25% new.

Colour:

Pale red/crimson with red hues.

Nose:

Vibrant, layered, and complex... Cherries, savoury gas pipe "funk", classy – spicy oak. Brooding and inviting!

Palate:

The wine is medium bodied and supple, with a lovely plush core of sweet fruit. Vibrant cherries, muddled strawberries, with savoury spice. Even, lovely density and velvety tannins on a finish. Almost gets you thinking of somewhere starting with "B"...

Tasted 2/8/21