



2021 Deer Farm Vineyard Block D Pinot Noir

The Deer Farm Vineyard in the cool Upper Yarra has long been a source of beautifully framed Pinot Noir wines. Consistent with the philosophy to seek out vineyard expression, the outstanding 2021 vintage was of such quality that it provided the opportunity to release a limited range of Single Block wines.

Deer Farm Vineyard, Gladysdale

Block D1A

Vines planted: 1994

Clone: MV6

Aspect: North facing

Soil: Duplex grey clay-loam

Winemaking: 100% destemmed fruit in open fermenter

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

Vintage conditions: A near perfect season for cool climate varieties in the Yarra. Good winter and spring rainfall replenished the soil profile allowing a good start to the growing season. Spring was generally mild with no frost, flowering occurred during warm, stable conditions which was ideal. The ripening season was generally mild and punctuated with well-timed rainfall. A very even harvest period with gradual ripening and flavour development, vibrant natural acidity, and excellent quality fruit.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date 21st March 2021 pH 3.34 Acidity 6.0g/L Alcohol 13 % Residual Sugar 0.15 g/L Bottling Date March 2022 Peak Drinking Now - 2035

Grape Variety

Pinot Noir

Maturation.

Ten months in French oak – 38% new with the remainder in seasoned French oak barriques.

Colour Medium light crimson

Bouquet Brooding, complex and powerful with raspberry, strawberry and blue fruits underpinned by subtle French oak and hints of mineral graphite and spice.

Palate Powerful and tightly structured with great length and a chalky tannin finish. Raspberry, strawberry, and dark cherry are in abundance with harmonious French oak, hints of mineral graphite and spice adding complexity. A wine that needs time but will reward patience in the Cellar.

An outstanding vintage.