



## Massale by Kooyong 2015 – Tasting Notes

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The Kooyong vineyard is located on the Mornington Peninsula at Tuerong, on Miocene sedimentary soils. Our wines are made from domain grown, handpicked grapes and aim to manifest terroir: the integration of our geology and soils with the macroclimate of our region, the mesoclimates of the various sites within our vineyard and the weather of the annual grape growing season. Our cultural operations in the vineyard and practices in the winery endeavour to articulate these unique characteristics diligently, respectfully and without artifice.

### Vineyard

The 2015 Kooyong Massale is an estate blend of Pinot Noir parcels from our Tuerong and Balnarring vineyards. The parcels in this wine represent 13.5 hectares.

### Winemaking

It is fermented, without yeast inoculation, in open vats for 18 to 21 days, with some whole bunches included. The malolactic conversion is also indigenous. The maturation period was 11 months in French oak barriques, 15% new. It was bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

### Vintage

The 2014-2015 growing season began with lower than average rainfall throughout the winter. Budburst occurred at a normal time and was followed by a spring that also had lower than

average rainfall, along with moderate temperatures. These growing conditions led to vines with less vigour than usual. Flowering conditions were good; however, we received slightly below average yields due to cold conditions experienced during the 2013 flowering period. Several large periods of rainfall throughout the season were managed effectively, and the vineyard remained disease free.

The period between January and late March was relatively cool, with January much cooler than historically usual. With the exception of one rain event, the mild and still weather continued throughout the harvest period. This allowed for a calm yet constant harvest for the viticultural team. Harvest began in late February and was finished in late March.

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Savoury aromas of wet stone and dried sage-like herbs lead into wild ripe berries – namely raspberry and blackberry. Medium in weight and finely structured, the lengthy and intense palate has a gently juicy and velvety elegance complete with cool blue fruit flavours.

### Alcohol

13.0%