



Quartier Pinot Noir 2015 – Tasting Notes

The Port Phillip Estate vineyard is located on the Mornington Peninsula at Red Hill, on Eocene volcanic 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

Quartier means neighbourhood in French and the Quartier varieties are a celebration of diverse terroirs on the Mornington Peninsula. The fruit for this wine was sourced from vineyards in Tuerong, Balnarring and Red Hill.

Winemaking

The fruit was fermented, without yeast inoculation, in open stainless steel vats for 18 to 21 days, with a small proportion of whole bunches included. The malolactic conversion was also indigenous. The maturation period is 11 months in French oak, 15% new. It was then 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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The 2015 Quartier Pinot Noir jumps from the glass with aromatic notes of black raspberry, smoky undergrowth and an array of dried spices. The palate, with its dark brambly flavours, has a long juicy streak running from start to finish that is tied together with firm stalky tannins and a curacao tinged finish.

Alcohol – 13.0%