



Massale by Kooyong 2016 – Tasting Notes

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 2016 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 20 days, with some whole bunches included. The malolactic conversion is also indigenous. The maturation period was 11 months in French oak barriques (12% new) and large format foudre. It was bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

Vintage

September 2015 welcomed the beginning of budburst leading to a dry and warm spring. October was 3 degrees above the average

temperature and El Niño affected the amount of rain we received. Vine vigour was controlled due to the lack of rainfall with the canopy generous and open. Fruitfulness was up from the previous vintage and flowering and fruit set occurred unhindered. Veraison commenced in early January.

The period between January and mid-March was warmer than historically usual and harvest began at the same time in February as recent vintages. Conditions remained very dry and warm throughout the harvest period, it was a compact vintage finishing in mid-March. The viticultural team worked steadily throughout harvest and delivered healthy and energetic fruit, with ripeness and acidity well balanced.

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Opens with vibrant fruit aromas of blueberry and black cherry along with hints of other interesting aromas including a lifted citrus note, brown spices and a suggestion of cured meat. The intense palate is driven by bright red fruit flavours. Savoury tannins complement the deep fruity finish.

Alcohol

13.5%