



## Massale by Kooyong 2018 – 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 2018 Kooyong Massale is a blend of estate grown Pinot Noir parcels from our Tuerong and Balnarring vineyards.

### Winemaking

The fruit was fermented in open vats. Fermentation commenced spontaneously with ambient yeasts and lasted for 16 to 18 days. The wine underwent indigenous malolactic fermentation. The maturation period was 10 months in French oak barriques (8% new) and large format foudre. The wine was bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

### Vintage

Following a wet Winter, budburst commenced relatively late in mid-September. The Winter rainfall set up the vineyards well for Spring with overall temperatures during Spring slightly higher

than average accompanied by below average rainfall. Flowering commenced mid late November with ideal weather conditions, resulting in one of the best fruit sets in many years.

The mild to warm conditions continued throughout Summer and veraison commenced in mid-January. Harvest delivered fruitful crop loads matched with very stable weather conditions, ensuring vine performance and good ripeness. Picking commenced late February and the viticultural team worked steadily until the beginning of April delivering outstanding fruit. The white wines display excellent acidity, depth and intense fruit flavours. The red wines look poised and elegant with powerful aromatics and a great balance between tannin and acid.

### Tasting Note – January 2019

The 2018 Massale Pinot Noir offers a youthful perfume of black cherry, wild summer berries and dried rose petal. On the palate, the wine is deep, medium-bodied and layered with flavours of cherry and cranberry, soft pillowy tannins and excellent length and fruit purity.

### Alcohol

13.5%