



Quartier Pinot Noir 2019 – Tasting Notes

Our wines aim to manifest terroir: the integration of geology and soils with the macroclimate of our region, the mesoclimates of various sites within our region and the weather of the annual grape growing season. 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 and Balnarring.

Winemaking

The fruit was fermented in open vats. Fermentation occurred spontaneously with ambient yeasts and lasted 16 to 18 days. The wine underwent indigenous malolactic fermentation. The maturation period was ten months in French oak barriques, puncheons (7% new) and large format foudre. The wine was bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

Vintage

Winter provided good average rainfall with approximately 200mm in total falling over June, July and August. Early September welcomed the beginning of budburst, leading to a cool Spring with very little rainfall. Cool weather continued

throughout the peak growing months of October, November and December. Spring rainfall was slightly below average but sufficient to ensure the vineyards were in good condition leading into Summer.

January was warm, with temperatures exceeding the long-term average, and dry, with almost no rainfall. Veraison commenced mid-January as typical. February was cool providing relief to the vineyards and consolidating veraison across all our varieties. Harvest commenced late February. Warmer weather returned at the beginning of March and conditions remained very dry and moderately warm throughout the harvest period. The viticultural and winemaking teams worked with great tenacity, it was a compact vintage finishing in late March. The white wines have an attractive balance of flavour and acidity and the red wines deliver intense flavour with excellent acidity and structure.

Tasting Note – July 2020

It offers dark cherry and raspberry on the nose, with notes of baking spice, citrus and anise following through. The palate is medium-bodied, and like the nose, it shows a combination of brighter red fruits and dark-toned black fruits. The wine is juicy and approachable while still offering structure and interest.

13.5% alc.