



Massale by Kooyong 2021

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 2021 Kooyong Massale is a blend of Pinot Noir from our Tuerong and Balnarring vineyards.

Winemaking

The fruit was fermented in open vats. Fermentation commenced spontaneously with ambient yeasts and lasted 15 to 18 days. The wine underwent indigenous malolactic fermentation. The maturation period was 9 months in French oak barriques and puncheons (10% new) and large format foudre. The wine was bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

Vintage 2020

Although 2020 Winter was mild, it provided excellent rainfall, with approximately 225mm falling evenly throughout June, July and August. Budburst commenced in the second week of September, a typical start to a season on the Mornington Peninsula.

Tasting Notes

Spring presented typical conditions with fluctuating temperatures and rainfall. Temperatures stabilised before flowering, and the region experienced favourable conditions throughout this critical time of the season. All our vineyards enjoyed good flowering and fruit set.

While early Summer rainfall was below average, conditions shifted to wet and humid during January. The viticultural team worked diligently to ensure our vineyards remained disease-free. Veraison commenced mid-January, earlier than the last couple of seasons. Our vineyards were replenished with good natural rainfall during this time, thus satisfying the increased water demand of grapevines.

The sunny but relatively cool weather throughout February meant ripening was slow and steady. Harvest commenced in early March and continued into early April. The weather remained mild throughout, and harvest progressed at an even pace, providing ideal conditions.

Tasting Note – December 2021

Bright and aromatic, the nose delivers raspberry, strawberry and red cherry with savoury spice notes. The palate displays morello cherry and more raspberry flavours. The tannins are firm yet fine and taper into the polished finish. Sappy, moreish and complex, this wine can be enjoyed now but will gain interest over the medium term.

12.5% alc.