



Kooyong Meres Pinot Noir 2020

Vineyard

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.

Vintage 2020

A cold wet Winter, with approximately 195 mm of rain falling over June, July and August, set up the vineyards well. A mild and early Spring followed. Conditions cooled somewhat in the lead up to flowering in early-mid November and continued throughout flowering, delaying fruit set. A milder than usual Summer slowed the phenology of the vines. Veraison in many of our parcels was in early February, approximately two to three weeks behind the five-year average. The region received several large rainfalls during late Summer, 200 mm in total, more than double that of the same period the previous year. These rainfalls were managed effectively, and the vineyard remained disease-free.

Harvest commenced 11 March compared to 25 February the previous year. Weather during harvest was ideal, with cool overnight temperatures leading to very mild daytime temperatures. Our viticultural team worked steadily through the calm yet constant harvest.

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Tasting Notes

Yields were significantly lower than average due to the extended cool flowering period. Despite low yields, the quality of the fruit was excellent. The resulting wines are energetic, pure and are characterised by beautiful natural acidity.

Tasted August 2022

This single-block wine was sourced from 0.57 ha of 23-year-old vines on a gentle north-facing slope. These vines are the most exposed of all our Pinot Noir plantings, leading to low vigour and low yields. The combination of the soils (less loamy topsoil and more clay subsoil than the other blocks), exposure and low vigour produce highly aromatic and perfumed red-fruited Pinot Noir with a structure that, as the vines age, is becoming more robust and serious. This wine was fermented in large-format concrete tank. The ferment, with a portion of whole bunches, occurred spontaneously with ambient yeasts and lasted 16 days. Following fermentation, the wine was pressed and racked into French oak barriques (25% of which were new) and underwent indigenous malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked only once, with a total maturation period of 14 months. It was then bottled without fining or filtration.

Tight and intricately woven, the wine presents an array of aromatics, from attractive fruit notes (raspberry and cherry) to savoury elements of wild herbs and earth. A more delicate palate than its siblings, the fine, supple tannins run long with cranberry, orange zest and floral flavours. Elegant at this early stage, this wine will benefit from medium-term time in the cellar.

12.5% alc.

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