



Massale by Kooyong 2022

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 2019 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% of which were new) and large format foudre. The wine was bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

Vintage

The cold and windy 2021 Winter saw approximately 185 mm of rainfall throughout June, July, and August, slightly below average. Windy conditions continued throughout Spring, with approximately 310 mm of rainfall throughout the period, well above average. This rainfall ensured soils were fully replenished leading into Summer.

Tasting Notes

Cold soils and windy conditions affected flowering in early November, with many of the earlier ripening vineyards in the region experiencing a poor fruit set, thus dramatically reducing yields. The later flowering vineyards benefited from more favourable weather conditions in late November.

Summer conditions were ideal, with mild to warm days broken sporadically by favourable rainfall, almost 75 mm in January, ensuring vines had adequate water leading to and through veraison, mid to late January. Ideal conditions throughout February meant ripening was slow and steady. Harvest commenced in early March. The weather remained mild throughout, and harvest progressed at an even pace. While yields were significantly lower than average, fruit quality was excellent with intense flavour concentration and refined acidity.

Tasting Note – January 2023

Brightly aromatic with lifted fruit aromas of dark cherry, wild strawberry and pomegranate, leading to hints of earth and savoury spice and an element of fine oak toast in the background.

The palate is generously fruited with morello cherry and raspberry flavours, and the tannins are supple yet savoury and intermingle with the fruit layers. A bright line of cranberry-like acidity pulls it everything together. Fine, long and intricately detailed this wine can be drunk now but will gain further complexity with medium term cellaring.

13.0% alc.