



## Kooyong Haven Pinot Noir 2023

### 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

Spring remained cold and wet, with 389mm of rainfall, making it the wettest Spring in 25 years. These conditions were challenging for our viticultural team. Waterlogged soils prevented access to the vineyards, with critical tractor operations delayed several times. Flowering commenced mid to late November amid continuing cold and wet conditions, which protracted our flowering period over several weeks. These challenging conditions prevailed until late December when we finally welcomed warm and sunny days. Fortunately, all our vineyards remained disease-free. Conditions for most of January and February were ideal. All of our vineyards were healthy, albeit with very low crop loads. The mild conditions throughout late February and early March have made this part of the season almost perfect for slow and steady ripening.

Harvest commenced on 3 March and concluded on 14 April, slightly later than usual. Weather conditions were mild with

## Tasting Notes

temperatures below average and rainfall above average, providing gradual ripening throughout harvest with rain events being the only pressure. Our viticulture team worked steadily to deliver pristine fruit to the winery.

### Tasted April 2025

This single-block wine is sourced from 0.75 ha of 27-year-old vines within, as the name suggests, the most sheltered of our vineyard sites. The lack of exposure to strong winds allows the vines to keep a rich green canopy until comparatively late in the ripening period and the resulting Haven wines always possess fruit in the more purplish spectrum, with a certain richness and lushness yet a firm underlying tannic structure. The vineyard (6.88 ha in total) comprises seven different parcels, with the same two parcels historically being selected for this wine.

The fruit was entirely destemmed, the ferment occurred spontaneously with ambient yeasts and took place in large-format wooden vat and pumped over and plunged over a 17 day period. Following fermentation, the wine was pressed and racked into French oak barriques and puncheons (14% of which were new) and underwent indigenous malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked only once, with the total maturation period lasting 12 months. It was then bottled without fining or filtration.

The 2023 Haven is deeply expressive, with aromas of red and dark cherry leading the way, supported by notes of forest strawberry, dried brown spice, and a subtle hint of twig. A twist of citrus adds lift and brightness, while understated oak rests quietly in the background, framing the wine with finesse.



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The palate is generous and layered, with lashings of red and blue fruit flowing across a silky texture. Tannins are soft and velvety, lending structure without weight, while bright, balanced acidity carries the fruit with clarity. The finish is long and fine, with a gentle dusting of spice and earth, leaving an impression of quiet power and place.

13.0% alc.