

KOORYONG



Massale by Kooyong 2025

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 2025 Kooyong Massale is a blend of Pinot Noir from our Tuerong and Balnarring vineyards.

Winemaking

The fruit was hand harvested and gently destemmed to both open stainless steel and concrete vats, with a 15% of whole bunches included. Fermentation occurred spontaneously with ambient yeasts and lasted between 16 to 18 days depending on the parcel. With pumping over occurring daily at the start of fermentation, followed by some plunging towards the back end. The wine was then pressed off and underwent indigenous malolactic fermentation. The maturation period was ten months in a mixture of French oak barriques, puncheons (8% new), and large format foudre. The wine was bottled without fining and only a single filtration.

Vintage

A near-perfect growing season with nature providing ideal conditions for our vineyards. Although the 2024 Winter was mild,

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Tasting Notes

it provided excellent rainfall, with 185 mm falling throughout June, July and August. This balance of warmth and moisture created an optimal environment for vine growth and fruit development. Budburst commenced in the second week of September, and favourable Spring weather conditions contributed to uniform berry growth with deep green canopies to power the ripening. Veraison commenced on 3 January, earlier than the last few seasons. Warm, dry conditions in Summer with very little rain posed challenges from a water perspective. In a first, all three of our vineyards, Tuerong, Balnarring and Red Hill were being picked at the same time. Thanks to the tireless work of both the vineyard and winery teams, we were able to pick and process all parcels of fruit at the ideal time. All varieties excelled with the early season and dry and warm conditions. The winery was full for the first time since 2021, with yields returning to long-term averages.

Tasting Note – March 2026

The nose is immediately generous, revealing dark cherry and ripe strawberry with subtle plum and raspberry. Brown spice and a gentle whole bunch nuance add aromatic lift, while a subtle note of Turkish delight brings a faint floral sweetness.

The palate is plush and enveloping, showing a pleasing density of red and blue fruits with depth and concentration. A light carbonic influence enhances brightness and fruit purity, while rounded, supple tannins provide seamless structure. The wine carries confidently across the palate, finishing long, smooth, and flavour-rich, with balance and modern appeal.

13.0% alc.

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