



## Port Phillip Estate 'Morillon' Pinot Noir 2025

## Tasting Notes

### Vineyard

The Port Phillip Estate Red Hill vineyard is located on the Mornington Peninsula at Red Hill, on Eocene volcanic 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

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

### Tasted June 2026

Morillon Pinot Noir is sourced from 0.4 hectare within the oldest Pinot Noir block at Port Phillip Estate's Red Hill vineyard. This block was planted in 1987 on a site nestled among folds of the hilly country in Red Hill. The iron and magnesium-rich, but otherwise weathered, basalts confer a savoury, earthy minerality to the wine. With maturity, the original block consistently produces wine with an extra level of structure, balance and intensity. In light of this, we bottle a small portion separately as the ultimate expression of Pinot Noir from this vineyard.

The fruit was gently handpicked and mostly de-stemmed to a stainless steel vat (10% whole bunches were included). Fermentation commenced spontaneously with ambient yeasts and lasted 18 days. Following fermentation, the wine was pressed to French oak barriques (16% new) and underwent indigenous malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged for 12 months before being bottled. The wine is unfinned, and only a single filtration was undertaken.

Aromatically expressive and finely detailed, the 2025 Morillon Pinot Noir opens with notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry and pomegranate. Beneath the vibrant red fruit lies a subtle savoury complexity of fresh herbs, brown spice and earthy undertones, lending depth and a strong sense of site. The palate is poised and refined, with red cherry and cranberry fruit flowing along a framework of fine, savoury tannins. Bright natural acidity brings energy and precision, driving the wine through a long and

persistent finish. Balancing vibrancy with depth, this Pinot Noir is both immediately engaging and structured for graceful development in the cellar.

13.0% alc.