

MAC FORBES

2021 Pinot Noir



Variety:	Pinot Noir
Region:	Yarra Valley
Vineyard(s):	Multiple (all farmed by Mac Forbes)
Fruit:	Handpicked
Viticulture:	Organic
Fermentation:	Open / Wild / 5% Whole bunch / Concrete / Stainless
Days on Skins:	Average 18 days
Elevage:	9 months in concrete and small and large format oak
Fining/Filtration	None

“Our philosophy towards pinot is to look after the detail, keep it simple and respect the fruit. The onus is on fruit quality and balance and not on winemaking solutions or corrections. For us winemaking is an extension of the vineyard where we aim to capture the fruit expression and carry this through to bottle. We pick when the fruit is ripe but still crunchy to taste. The Yarra Valley Pinot is a blend of our declassified barrels from each of our single vineyard wines.”—MF

THE WINE

A stunning vintage with near perfect conditions during flowering and fruit set. Good rainfall over winter built strong reserves of soil moisture, and the long cool growing season allowed for slow and even ripening across key varieties. The 2021 vintage was one of the very rare years where we saw both quality and quantity of fruit.

Mac chooses not to provide any traditional tasting notes for his wines. “Our wines hopefully capture vineyard life and vitality. As such the wines are constantly evolving. The only tasting notes that matter are yours.” - Mac Forbes

THE WINEMAKER

Mac Forbes is the penultimate student of the Yarra Valley—a region known for pumping out scores of high quality chardonnay and pinot noir (among other varieties), and he is settled there making wines true to their origin, unmanipulated, and pure. He grew up in the Yarra Valley before heading to Europe in the 90s to bounce around and learn how to make different styles of wine and work in the overall industry. He returned to Yarra Valley and set out to learn more about this land he grew up on, and just what kinds of wine the area could produce. Mac makes low-intervention juice that are nuanced and balanced, but his real work is done in the vineyard, and we sometimes think he likes farming more than making wine.



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