

Bindi

2022

'BLOCK 5'

Pinot Noir | Macedon Ranges - Australia







NATURAL

VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard: Bindi Estate Vineyard -

Block 5

Vine Age: 32-years-old

Soil Type: Shattered densely riddled quartz & thin layer of volcanic topsoil

over sandstone & clay

Viticulture: Practicing organic

Fermentation: Native - stainless steel

(5% whole cluster) **Skin Contact**: 14 days

Aging: 15 months in French barriques

(25% new) Alcohol: 12.5%

pH: 3.7

Total Acidity: 5.0 g/L Total SO2: 34 ppm

Total Production: 125 cases

UPC: None

About

Block Five is a little over an acre in size on a sheltered, north facing, and very quartz riddled site; it is a perfect, natural vineyard exposition. The wine is always darker in fruit expression and immediately more spicy and earthy than the Original Vineyard. It is less perfumed and has more tannin and fruit power, which, with extensive bottle aging, develops profound suppleness with supreme delicacy. Block Five was planted in 1992 by then winemaker Stuart Anderson, who was the pioneering mentor for both Bill and his Michael. Stuart always felt this unique parcel of Bindi would be the grandest of blocks for a wine that would unfold gracefully over decades. Stuart's vision was correct as tasting this wine with 15+ years of age is an experience in Pinot Noir mastery.

The fruit was hand-harvested and primarily destemmed with about 5% of the fruit being left intact. The wine was fermented in open-top stainless-steel fermenters with the ferment being hand plunged for the first week and then roughly another week of gentle pumpovers. It was gently pressed to French barriques, of which 25% was new. After 15 months of aging, the barrels were racked to tank and settled for a week. The wine was bottled a sheet filtration and a small addition of sulfur. No fining.

Tasting Note

Outstanding fragrance and fruit purity. Here there is rhubarb, red plum and cherry, raspberry and spice. The palate is initially supple then fleshes out to become mouth filling. The finish is intense and long.

