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'DOUG'S VINEYARD'

Pinot Noir | *Macedon Ranges - Australia*



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard: Doug's Vineyard

Vine Age: 23-years-old

Soil Type: Red, rocky basalt

Viticulture: Lutte Raisonnée /
Sustainable – dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native – open-top
stainless steel fermenters (100%
whole cluster)

Skin Contact: 21 days

Aging: 12 months in thick staved
French 228l piece barrels (20% new),
then 4 months on fine lees in
stainless steel

Alcohol: 12%

pH: 3.85

Total Acidity: 5.5

Total SO2: 50 ppm

Total Production: 300 cases

Reviews

James Suckling | 97 points

The Wine Front | 94+ points

About

Doug's Vineyard is situated on the outskirts of the township of Romsey, in the Macedon Ranges. Owned by the Newnham family it was planted nearly 25 years ago to predominantly MV6 and smaller amounts of 114 and 115 clone Pinot Noir. A cool hamlet, the vines sit at around 500m altitude, atop a North and North East facing hillside on red rocky volcanic basalt soil, moderating vigor and providing amazing intensity to the fruit, ripening small, beautifully formed clusters at low sugar levels.

Once hand harvested in the cool of morning, with careful sorting in the vineyard, 100% was transferred as whole cluster to open fermenters. The must was then allowed to soak 4-5 days at its cool ambient temperature until fermentation commenced. There after the grapes were gently extracted by a combination of pumping over and pigeage by foot. The wine then pressed after a total of three weeks on skins and transferred to two new (Laurent "Magic Cask" thick stave, blonde toast) seven young (2-4 yo Laurent "Magic Cask") and ten old (6-10 yo) oak Burgundian piece for lees aging for 12 months, followed by four months in stainless steel on fine lees. The wine was racked and bottled without fining, filtering, and with just a small dose of sulfur.

Tasting Note

Deep ruby. Classical and very typical of Doug's Vineyard, but slightly deeper and more brooding than previous releases. Aromatically filled with the typical exotic spice, rose, clove, earth and sweet herbs and concentrated sour cherry and raspberry fruit. Long, fine and deep, with a firm silky tannic brace and cleansing, sappy acidity. As a young wine it will greatly reward time in the glass or decanter.

