



Bindi

2017

"ORIGINAL VINEYARD"

Pinot Noir | Macedon Ranges - Australia



Stats

Grapes: 100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard: Bindi Estate Vineyard - Original Vineyard
Vine Age: 29-years-old
Soil Type: Shattered quartz & eroded volcanic topsoil and sandstone over clay
Viticulture: Practicing Organic
Fermentation: Native - stainless steel (20% whole-cluster)
Skin Contact: 18 days
Aging: 15 months in French barrique (25% new)

Reviews

James Suckling | 94 points
Wine & Spirits | 93 points

About

The Bindi property was originally part of the Bundaleer homestead purchased by Keith and Thea King (Dixon) in 1956. The original planting of vines, in 1988, saw Chardonnay and Pinot Noir replace sheep as the focus for Bindi. The timber milling days of the King family gave way to nurturing vines as well as diversification into farm forestry and the preservation of rare grass and woodlands that Michael Dhillon continues today. The 'Original Vineyard' were the first vines planted by Michael's father Bill in 1988. This quartz riddled, gently north sloping three-acre vineyard produces a wine in comparison to the Block Five, that is more seductive and delicious in its youth whilst still significantly rewarding cellar time. This wine is like a kaleidoscope of Bindi in that the fragments of the incredible site and grapes are seen in abstract pieces that furl creating pure harmony.

The grapes were hand-harvested and primarily destemmed with around 20% being left intact. All of the fruit was gently crushed and fermented in open-top one-ton fermenters with gentle hand plunging early in the ferment moving to light pumpovers later on. After a little over two weeks the free run was sent to barrel while the remaining fruit is pressed directly to barrel as well. The wine aged for 16 months in French barriques, of which about a quarter were new. The wine was bottled in the winter of 2018 without fining or filtration and with a small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

This delivers an enticingly alluring and complex Pinot Noir of fragrant delicacy and delicious fruit purity. It's laced with red cherries and strawberries, overlaid with gorgeous rose hip and potpourri. It's unashamedly medium-bodied in all the best ways, woven together with a silver thread of acidity and silky, effortless tannins