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'RAY-MONDE VINEYARD'

Pinot Noir | *Port Phillip - Australia*



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard: Ray-Monde Vineyard

Vine Age: 33-years-old

Soil Type: Gravelly ironstone & basalt loam over hardened blue slate

Viticulture: Practicing Organic – regenerative & dry-farmed

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

Skin Contact: 3 weeks

Aging: 12 months in thick staved 228l French oak barrique followed by a further 4 months aging on fine lees in stainless-steel

Alcohol: 12.5%

pH: 3.8

Total Acidity: 4.5 g/L

Total SO2: 60 ppm

Total Production: 333 cases

Reviews

The Wine Front | 96 points

Wine Advocate | 95 points

Halliday Wine Companion | 96 points

About

The Ray-Monde Vineyard was established in 1988 by the Lakey family, in South Gisborne at 1,300 feet above sea level on the Southern edge of the Macedon Ranges GI, to which it once belonged. The gently Northeast facing 12-acres of Pinot Noir form a small part of the 570-acre grazing farm. The vineyard is unique for the area, being planted gravelly ironstone and basaltic clay soils, with very little topsoil and a huge amount of “Bluestone” rock just below the surface. This lean soil together with vine age results in incredibly concentrated grapes, with thick skins and ripe stems even 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 four to five 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 a single new (Laurent “Magic Cask” thick stave, blonde toast) one one year old Stockinger 300l and three old (6-10yo) oak Burgundian piece for lees aging for 12 months. This was followed by four months in stainless steel on fine lees, before racking and bottling, unfiltered and unfiltered. The only addition to the wine is a small dose of sulfur.

Tasting Note

Ray-Monde is filled with the aromas and flavors of black cherry, kirsch, violet, spice, sweet damp earth and peat. Medium bodied with long, fine, silky tannin. It is a very “gourmand” wine that is approachable now but will age exceptionally.