

MAC FORBES

2018 Pinot Noir



Variety:	Pinot Noir
Region:	Yarra Valley
Vineyard(s):	Multiple (listed below under 'The Wine')
Fruit:	Handpicked
Viticulture:	Organic
Fermentation:	Open / Wild / 20% Whole bunch / Foot stomped
Days on Skins:	6–30 days
Elevage:	11 months in neutral French 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

2018 growing season was broken into two halves. With a wet winter and spring, the vines surged into summer with good vigour and available soil moisture (coupled with high disease pressure). Summer shifted gear into above average temperatures and below average rainfall. The Yarra Valley Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from Coldstream, Woori Yallock, Yarra Junction, and Hoddles Creek vineyards.)

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

The man. The myth. The one-day Legend. Yarra Valley is known for pumping out scores of high quality chardonnay and pinot noir (among other varieties), and Mac Forbes is settled there making wines true to their origin, unmanipulated, and pure. Mac grew up in the Yarra Valley before heading to Europe in the 90s to bounce around learning how to make different styles of wine and working 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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