



MAC FORBES “COLDSTEAM”

PINOT NOIR

YARRA VALLEY 2016

REGION

Yarra Valley, Victoria

VINEYARD(S)

Coldstream

SOIL

Grey loam overlying clay

VARIETIES

100% Pinot Noir

FARMING

Sustainable / Organic

FERMENTATION

Destemmed / Portion foot-stomped /
Open-top ferment with native yeast

ELEVAGE

11 months in combination new and
old French oak / unfinned /
unfiltered

TECHNICAL

pH: 3.46 / TA: 6.0 g/L / Alc: 12%

Mac first donned overalls in the South West of France at the tender age of eighteen. That summer was the catalyst for a now 20+ year long career which has seen Mac work with some of the most respected names in the business, both in Australia and overseas. Mac’s early experiences covered the gamut of winemaking, teaching and marketing. Returning to Australia in 2004, Mac kicked off his own project determined to further his own understanding of Australian soils and climate. Now firmly entrenched in the Yarra with 6 vineyard sites and a range of old and younger vineyards, Mac sees the future as an exciting period where much of the Yarra nuances will be revealed with greater clarity.

Mac’s philosophy on viticulture is pretty simple – he and his team to not try to adhere to any labels or work under any specific banners of management. The aim is to look after the vines and the sites as best as humanly possible. This means carrying out all tasks at the best possible time with respect to the season, site, block, row and vine. *‘The vines are only as good as the soil they are anchored in. Every season is so different that we are constantly pushed to question and re-appraise practices, as they are just that; practice.’*

‘This is our warmest Pinot vineyard, so we are conscious of protecting the fruit from hot prevailing winds and high temperatures. The soils hold much of the afternoon heat, so this is usually the first vineyard picked. Due to the increased exposure, this wine displays greater fruit punctuation supported by a firm yet dense tannin bed.’ Mac Forbes

Mac and his team choose not to include tasting notes on their website, so we at HWB adhere to his thought process – the wines hopefully capture vineyard life and vitality. As such the wines are constantly evolving. The only tasting notes that matter are your’s.



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