GIANT STEPS

YARRA VALLEY

2023 COAL RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR



Appellation:	Coal River Valley, Tasmania
Vineyards:	Nocton Vineyard
Varietals:	100% Pinot Noir
Clones:	MV6, D5V12, G8V3
Harvested:	April, 2023
Bottled:	24th January, 2024
Alc/Vol (%):	13.5
TA (g/L):	6.0
pH:	3.54
Cellaring:	Now - eight years

SEASON:

The 2023 season in Tasmania started cold and wet building a solid foundation with strong, healthy and generous bunch numbers. Plant growth was slow due to the cool conditions all the way up until just prior to flowering, when some well-timed heat spurred the vines along. Flowering was late, but consistent. Lots of shoot and crop thinning was done throughout the season, as well as some extensive leaf plucking due to the cool conditions. It was a very mild summer with only a few days reaching over 30 degrees Celsius experienced at the vineyard, which meant a long and slow ripening. The grapes were picked late for our vineyard, coming into the winery late April.

VINIFICATION:

Handpicked, straight into a refrigerated container parked on the vineyard.
The fruit is then immediately driven to Devonport and sailed across Bass Strait to arrive at the winery in Healesville the following morning.
Fruit was destemmed and cold soaked for three – four days in open oak vats and open stainless-steel fermenters.
The MV6 (from the rockiest soils at the top of the hill) was fermented as whole bunches in an oak fermenter.
Both parcels were matured in French oak – 25% new, 75% seasoned – for eight months in 225L barriques D&J, Vicard and Taransaud.
Bottled by gravity. No fining. No filtration.

THE VINEYARD

Location:	Coal River Valley
Aspect:	North-east facing
Size:	34 Hectares
Planted:	1999
Soil type:	Calcareous & Triassic sandstone
Under vine:	Mv6, D5V12, G8V3

In our obsession with Single Vineyard Pinot Noirs from great Pinot growing areas around the world, we have gone as far south as you can go in this country. Despite the cool temperatures, the sunlight hours are long and intense, and we are intrigued by the depth of palate and colour that is possible from this landscape. While it is made with the Giant Steps gentle winemaking approach, the result is clearly a world apart in terroir. The Pinot Noir from Nocton vineyard have amazing density and texture, with powerful weight and concentration.

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