

2014 RR PINOT NOIR

Yarra Valley, Bilbul



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: De Bortoli family

Winemaker: Steve Webber

Estate founded: 1928

Region: Bilbul NSW, Australia



COMPOSITION

Pinot Noir 87%

VINEYARDS

The Yarra Valley is one of Australia's coolest regions with elevation varying from 1969 inches to 15748 inches. Rainfall is winter/spring dominant, with the summer relatively cool, dry and humid. The traditional grape growing areas on the northern side of the valley are grey to grey-brown in color on the surface and range from loamy sand to clay loam in consistency with red-brown clay subsoils, frequently impregnated with rock. The other major soil type is the immensely deep and fertile red volcanic soil on the southern side of the valley. The continental cool climate and the variation in altitude and soil types in this hilly region creates differences in climates and exposure, which allows several varieties to excel. One of Australia's most historic wine regions.

WINEMAKING

Fruit was sourced from controlled vineyards from the Yarra Valley sites located at Dixons Creek, Steels Creek, Yarra Glen, Tarrawarra, Gladysdale and Woori Yallock. A combination of whole berry with 10-20% whole bunch is tipped and pumped into fermenters. 10-20 days of maceration and fermentation with wild yeast. Pressed, settled overnight and then filled to barrel by gravity. Allowed to mature for 6 months at 61° F in 225L French casks.

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant red and bright. Perfumed, complex, whole bunch characters, red fruits, spice, smoky oak. Supple feel, gentle tannin, darker fruit flavors, wood spice, gentle, delicious. Will continue to develop complexity and interest for up to 4-6 years in a good cellar. Wine style: Dry / Medium Bodied.

FOOD PAIRING

Pork and fennel sausages with lentils.

Technical data

Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3,72 | Residual Sugar: 2,81 g/l | Total acidity: 6,2 g/l