



Carlei Estate Pinot Noir 2013

Variety: Pinot Noir
Vintage: 2013
Harvest date: Mid-March 2013
Vineyard location: Cardinia Ranges, Southern Blue Dandenongs.
Oenological Data: Harvest Baumé – 13.0 & 13.5
Total acidity – 7.7 g/l
pH – 3.65
Alcohol – 13.6% Alc/vol
Production 350 dozen

Winemaker's Notes: This vineyard are planted on a northerly and slightly easterly aspect in the Cardinia Ranges in the Southern Blue Dandenongs and yielded around 2.0 tonne to the acre. The fruit was gently destemmed without crushing the berries and the must was divided into clonal batches, MV6, 115, 114. Natural ferments reaching 38°C ensured maximum extraction of flavours and other essential fruit components including tannins and colour. Maceration extended up to 60 days with gentle hand plunging and pumping over. The wine was aged in 33% new French oak for a period of 12 months, with a further 12 months in bottle prior to release.

Tasting Note: A warmer year produced quite a complex nose and fuller palate, this wine deliveries opulent fresh lifted sweet ripe wild strawberries and cherries with some savoury toasty notes and some undergrowth truffle. On the palate it is velvety, fruity, and lively with an acidic linearity that lingers and indicates that it will develop with further aging. Quite fresh at the moment, it will boastfully open to be a powerful wine with balanced acidity at the finish as well as good velvety fine tannins. As a result, it will be a wine that will continue to build in structure and flavour whilst simultaneously harmonising. The wine will continue to develop and will take on more truffle and earthy complexity as it ages.

Cellaring: 10 years plus



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