

2024 LYONS WILL THE GREYS PINOT NOIR



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Macedon Ranges
Varietals: Pinot Noir
Harvested: 18TH & 26TH March 2024
Bottled: August 2025
Cases: 75

Alc/Vol (%): 13.2
pH: 3.65
TA (g/L): 5.5
Cellaring: 10 – 15 years
Release date: November 2025

VINES

Clones: Abel (60%), MV6 (20%), 777 (20%).
Yield per vine: 1.6kg

VINEYARD

Single Block. In 2017, after a lot of research, we planted an exciting new 2.5 acre block of Pinot, predominantly made up of Abel clone, supported by Australia's own MV6 and an earlier ripening plush Burgundian clone called 777. The site is our warmest, sheltered from the wind and furthest away from people. It is named '**The Greys**' – a homage to our native community of kangaroos that travel daily between forest and plains across the back of this block.
Soil: Red Ferrosol - Cenozoic era

WINEMAKER

Oliver Rapson

VINIFICATION

Bunch sorted. 90% destemmed, wild fermentation in open vats, three weeks on skins. Pumped over twice daily. Remaining 10% whole bunch (semi carbonic maceration). Pressed at dryness to French barriques (20% new, 80% older) for 12 months maturation. Only the best three barrels from this block are picked to make up this limited release.

SEASON

2024 for us was a nearly perfect year, with the right levels of rain, warmth and sunshine at the right times throughout the growing season. Things kicked off in spring with a nice level of dryness and warmth allowing for even and early budbreak (a good 2 weeks earlier than the previous year). This flowed on to great flower production and fruit set. Around Christmas we experienced some wild and wonderful weather that was accompanied with lots of rain, which was just what the doctor ordered. Come January, humidity was in the air, the soil had dried up, and talk of El Nino set in, with a solid 6 weeks without a drop. Late February and early March saw the introduction of weekly dumps of rain that really benefited our vines post veraison and assisted with a good consistent level of physical and sugar ripening. Vivid colour, great bouquet and strong flavours are the order of the year, a superb vintage and we're truly excited to see how these wines mature over time.