



RED HILL ESTATE

MERRICKS GROVE 2014 PINOT NOIR

Pinot Noir can range in style from delicate, fruity and silky to dark, brooding and structured. This Pinot belongs to the latter category.

VINEYARD

Merricks Grove is situated on the south eastern hills of the Mornington Peninsula in Merricks North. Established in 1998, it has been well managed at all times and has flourished into a mature quality producing vineyard of high repute. 120m above sea level on free draining red ferrosol clay soils. Row's face north south, which is ideal.

VINTAGE

The vineyard is elevated in a maritime coastal area with Westernport Bay only 4 km to the south, keeping temperatures cool and at times producing very cold SW and NW winds. Excellent winter and early spring rainfall filled the soil profile. Weather conditions through summer were warm. Mild weather through March resulted in steady ripening.

WINEMAKING

This 2014 Merricks Grove Pinot Noir is cross selection from all our blocks within the Merricks Grove vineyard. Blocks were kept separate during the winemaking process until final blending pre bottling.

Fruit was harvested and then cold soaked for 3 days. Ferments on skins were plunged every 4 - 8 hours in open fermenter. Once pressed (after 7-10 days) the wines were racked to new and old french barrels to undertake malolactic fermentation and aging.

TASTING NOTE

This wine shows aromas of game, dark cherry and spice. On the palate you will experience hints of raspberry, ripe black cherry, cedar, dark chocolate and spice with a dash of mint of the finish. Dusty tannins and excellent length help finish this wine that would suit any dinner party.



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

PH: 3.25
Alc/Vol: 13.0%
Total Acid: 7.5
Residual Sugar: Dry

CELLARING

5 - 15 Years