



Seville Estate 2021 Old Vine Reserve Pinot Noir

Winemakers Comments:

2021 was a perfect growing season, mild temperatures with average rainfall produced good yields with balanced flavours across all varieties.

Average rainfall and temperatures over winter set the season up nicely with ground moisture. This continued into Spring but much warmer than average temperatures prompted an early start to the growing season. Perfect conditions over flowering lead to good yields across all varieties which was welcomed after the small production in 2020. Unfortunately, a couple of our older blocks didn't fully recover from the previous year, so we saw some reduction still, but happy overall. Spring continued to be warm with good rainfall through into summer, December and February were dry, but January saw several wet days, some over 40mm. The mild conditions pushed the start of harvest into early March, which is preferable over the hotter day time temperatures in February.

Pinot Noirs were more delicate and perfumed but still retained their intensity and tannins which gives them great structure and presence. They remind us of some of the great cooler vintages where the balance of tannin, fruit and aromatics were perfect.

Harvest date: 17/03/2021
Baumé: 12.8
pH: 3.43
TA: 5.8
Soil: deep red volcanic / basalt

Elevation: 220m
Aspect: East
Clone: Unknown
Planted: 1972
Yields tons/acres: 1.8

Vinification:

Fruit is hand picked and sorted in the vineyard. Single Ferment with around 20-30% whole bunch. Must is cold soaked for 4 days then natural fermentation occurs with no temperature control. Malolactic fermentation occurs during primary. Open ferments are pumped over daily. Wine is gently pressed off skins and run straight to French oak for barrel maturation on lees in 30% new oak (300 & 500lt) barrels. Wine is not filtered or fined but allowed to clarify naturally in the cellar prior to bottling. This minimal handling is done to maximize delicate "Pinot character" flavours.

Winemakers Notes:

"The 2021 Pinots are delicate and finer than those of 2020, which is predictable given the cooler season. They pay homage to the Pinot Noirs that Peter used to make, showcasing the classic 'Upper Yarra' characters. They remind me of the 2012 vintage, which displayed purity and prettiness while still possessing great structure and concentration—a perfect balance of power and elegance."

"The Old Vine Reserve exhibits excellent structure and depth of flavour, characteristic of this site. This vine material has been preserved by grafting them onto new phylloxera-resistant rootstock and planted on either side of the original block. In this vintage, we included a small percentage of the blend, and we are excited to see its growth in the coming years." Drink 2028 – 2040.

Wine Analysis:
Production: 120 dozen
Alcohol: 13.1%
Ph: 3.65
Acidity: 5.7 g/L

Awards: 97 Points James Halliday Wine Companion 2023