

MAYFIELD 'WILLIAM' PINOT NOIR 2022

The history of Mayfield dates back to 1815 when explorer, William Charles Wentworth, was granted Mayfield as a thank you for his earlier crossing of the blue mountains. Our Premier Range comprise the best parcels of grapes from each vintage.

Vineyard: Since the Eastham family purchased the Mayfield Vineyard in 2021, the commitment to producing the region's best wines has been renewed. The vineyard was planted in 1999 on the eastern slopes of the ancient volcano, Mt Canobolas. The 17 hectares of vines sit at an elevation of 880 to 950 metres above sea level.

Vintage: 2022 was the coolest and latest vintage in 20odd years. A wet winter had filled dams and the soil moisture profile. The rain held off for the month leading up to harvest, ensuring excellent regional cool climate flavour development and ripeness.

Tasting Note: A youthful garnet colour, with aromas of cherry, spice and forest brambles, and a touch of herbal savouriness adding complexity. The palate is youthful with lovely mouthfeel. The varietal fruit flavours are well balanced with judicious oak and refined tannins. Cellar for 5 to 6 years.

Winemaking: Our Pinot Noir was hand harvested, with a component gently destemmed and fermented in 2 tonne open fermenters. Another parcel was fermented carbonically. Whole bunches were kept separate, covered and left for ten days. This component was blended back into the finished wine and matured in 25% new French puncheons for 11 months.

Viticulturist: Charles Simons Winemaker: Drew Tuckwell Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Region: Orange, NSW Central Highlands

Elevation: 900m Alc/Vol: 12.5%

pH: 3.45 **TA:** 6.0 g/L **RS:** 1.5 g/L

Accolades:

96 Points, Wine Orbit, Sam Kim92 Points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate

96 Points, Winereviewer.com.au, Patrick Eckel 91 Points, QWine, Steve Leszczynski

