



Hudson Wine Brokers

OCEAN EIGHT 'AYLWARD' PINOT NOIR 2012



The Winery

Ocean Eight is in the cool Mornington Peninsula, a short drive south of Melbourne. Owned and operated by the Aylward family after their successes with nearby Kooyong Estate, Ocean Eight is focused on Burgundian varieties and influenced by Burgundian techniques.

The Region

Mornington Peninsula is the coolest region on mainland Australia, just south of Melbourne in Victoria and surrounded by ocean on all sides. It has shown great potential for world class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

The Year

2012 was a great year on the Peninsula; warm, dry, even temperatures and lots of long, sunny Australian days.

The Fruit

Pinot Noir is sourced from the Estate owned and tended vineyard. 18-year-old vines planted on sandy loam, near Dromana about 3 miles from the coast. The site has excellent drainage. Fruit is cropped to 1 tonnes to the acre to show the power of the site.

The Winemaking

A similar method to the Estate Pinot Noir, with juice going through a cold, slow ferment to maximise aromatics before being gravity fed to underground barrel room where it is stored in old French barrel and 500 litre puncheons for 11 months, 25% new. Unfined and unfiltered.

The Juice

Dark blood red in the glass with great brightness and good clarity. Lifted aromatics of plum, anise, black cherry and Asian spice.

Palate filling Pinot with opulence and elegance. Sweet dark cherries are complimented with savoury, earth tones. Super fine tannins wrap around a long, natural acidity. Wonderful length.

13.2% abv.