

# MAC FORBES

## 2020 Pinot Noir

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Variety:	Pinot Noir
Region:	Yarra Valley
Vineyard(s):	Multiple (all farmed by Mac Forbes)
Fruit:	Handpicked
Viticulture:	Organic
Fermentation:	Open / Wild / 20% Whole bunch / Foot stomped
Days on Skins:	Average 15 days
Elevage:	10 months in neutral French oak
Fining/Filtration	None

*“Our philosophy towards pinot is to look after the detail, keep it simple and respect the fruit. The onus is on fruit quality and balance and not on winemaking solutions or corrections. For us winemaking is an extension of the vineyard where we aim to capture the fruit expression and carry this through to bottle. We pick when the fruit is ripe but still crunchy to taste. The Yarra Valley Pinot is a blend of our declassified barrels from each of our single vineyard wines.”—MF*

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### THE WINE

The 2020 season in the Yarra Valley will forever be remembered as a highly unusual and impossible to predict vintage. Significant weather events during flowering meant low yields, and erratic temperatures in December and January saw unprecedented ripening behavior across many varieties. February rains were both welcome and anxiety-inducing, but ultimately the maturity and stability of the vines in our best parcels allowed fruit quality to shine through.

Mac chooses not to provide any traditional tasting notes for his wines. “Our wines hopefully capture vineyard life and vitality. As such the wines are constantly evolving. The only tasting notes that matter are yours.” - Mac Forbes

### THE WINEMAKER

Mac Forbes is the penultimate student of the Yarra Valley—a region known for pumping out scores of high quality chardonnay and pinot noir (among other varieties), and he is settled there making wines true to their origin, unmanipulated, and pure. He grew up in the Yarra Valley before heading to Europe in the 90s to bounce around and learn how to make different styles of wine and work in the overall Industry. He returned to Yarra Valley and set out to learn more about this land he grew up on, and just what kinds of wine the area could produce. Mac makes low-intervention juice that are nuanced and balanced, but his real work is done in the vineyard, and we sometimes think he likes farming more than making wine.



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