Helen's Hill 2017 Winemakers Reserve Pinot Noir

ABOUT

In years when Mother Nature smiles upon the Yarra Valley, we are gifted with the perfect canvas for the artistry of winemaking. From these great years our winemakers select the best of the best; the finest fruit of these outstanding vintages, matured in the most hedonistic of French oak barrels. These are the criteria that each individual bottle must meet to be chosen for our prestigious 'Winemaker's Reserve' label.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The Helen's Hill 2017 'Winemakers Reserve' Pinot Noir is truly the best of the best. Batches of our super low cropped reserve Pinot clones are handpicked, destemmed and lightly crushed. From there they spend between 10-14 days in open top fermenters with gentle pump overs. Once pressed off to barrel the artistry begins.
We select the only best performing barrels of each clone, blending them together to form a wine of outstanding balance, structure and intensity.

2017 VINTAGE REPORT

After a cold, uncharacteristically dry winter, Spring started in the same fashion. Consistent rainfall and mild temperatures prevailed through flowering and into November which led to lower then average crop levels in many varieties, Pinot Noir especially. After Christmas the script was flipped as we saw consistent mild to warm temperatures and moderate rainfall. This was an ideal ripening period for all varieties, most prominent of these being Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Our winemaker's selection of the best performing Pinot clones from this outstanding Yarra Valley vintage. Clear expression of dark cherries and spice announce themselves immediately. What's to come is more exciting, as the initial intensity gives way to complex, silky tannins and a distinctly recognisable French oak finish. A wine to be savoured.

Colour	Deep Crimson
Aroma	Sour cherry, spice, French oak.
Palate	Intense red and dark fruits, spice, silky tannin.