

# GIANT STEPS

YARRA VALLEY  
AUSTRALIA

## 2003 PINOT NOIR

### Region

Yarra Valley, Australia

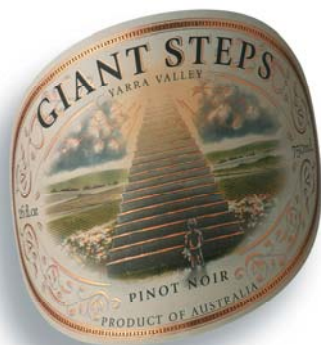
### Variety

Pinot Noir

### Technical Analysis

14.0% alc/vol

Bottled under screw-cap



### Background/Vintage

The 75 acre Giant Steps vineyard is on the north face of the Warramate Ranges in the central Yarra Valley, an hour east of Melbourne. Established across a series of ridges rising from the 300 to 1000 foot level, the vineyard is planted to rocky/gravelly clays.

The pinot plantings comprise a selection of seven different clonal variations, sourced from Burgundy, Australia and New Zealand.

### Winemaking/Tasting Notes

The fruit was hand picked, sorted and crushed to small open squares where the must was cold soaked and then hand plunged through fermentation. After extended maceration it was pressed to barrel and from there, gravity racked and settled prior to bottling 12 months later. Minimal handling, no pumps, sulfur or filtration are the guiding principles.

A heady, alluring nose, with abundant aromas of floral cherries, earthy spice, sap, preserved plums and berries. The medium weight palate displays a silky textural quality with blackberry, strawberry, char and cedar. Firm, balanced and layered over a scaffold of dusty "top of the mouth" tannin.

A wine drinking exceptionally well now with medium aging potential.

### Additional Notes:

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