

GIANT STEPS

YARRA VALLEY
AUSTRALIA

2004 PINOT NOIR

Region

Yarra Valley, Australia

Variety

Pinot Noir

Technical Analysis

13.5% alc/vol

Bottled under screw-cap

Aged for 11 months in French oak:

40% new, 30% 1 year old, 30% older

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

A relatively cool year with good phenological ripeness.

The fruit was hand picked to 300 kg crates and chilled before being de-stemmed, but not crushed, to small open fermenters. A 3 day cold soak was followed by an 8 day ferment with hand plunging. After ferment skins were tipped into an airbag press. Wine was then racked off gross lees to oak for malolactic fermentation.

A juicy mid palate, with chewy, roasted plum qualities following with a lovely carpet of fine tannin.

Additional Notes:

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