



# PROVENANCE

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## 2022 Provenance Geelong Pinot Noir

### Vineyard

Grown in the unique Moorabool valley sub-region of Geelong, 70km southwest of Melbourne, our vineyard is a sight to behold. 70% of the vines are planted on a steep east to south-east slope that runs down to the remaining 30% toward the river. The slope boasts well-drained red-loam topsoils over a limestone base that transitions to a sandier profile next to the water. This diverse terrain, coupled with our mixed clone planting, ensures a complex range of flavours to our fruit, making our wine truly one-of-a-kind.

### Growing Season

The wet and humid growing season was a true test of resilience. As the vines grew robustly, our vineyard team worked tirelessly to control the canopy, opening it up to allow airflow, and preventing mildew. Small berries meant low yields and a strong skin-to-juice ratio. The bonus of these conditions was that the resultant wines had good colour, tannin, and depth of flavour. Overall, the season was again 'cool', with no days rising above 40c and a few days over 35c. This led to excellent natural acidity levels, assuring wines of great finesse and elegance.

### Winemaking

35% of the hand-picked fruit was originally fermented as 100% whole-bunch small batch ferment, and this was blended with a 100% destemmed batch. Both batches originated from the northeastern corner of the block, with a south-eastern elevation and thus hidden from the heat of the day. These batches were cold-soaked for 5 days, while the indigenous yeast slowly started to ferment. The ferment spent a total of 15 days on skins, gently extracting the tannins. Once pressed, the wine was settled for seven days before being racked to French oak barriques, 35% of which were new. In barrel for 10 months maturation, after which the wine was barrel-selected blended and bottled.

### Independent Review

This is a spicy pinot noir with beetroot notes pushing into earth, red cherry, game and fragrant herbs. It's very Geelong and it's very pinot. It's complex and structured, and the more you look at it the more those earth notes edge forward. It will mature well, no doubt, but this is drinking well now. 92 Points, Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front (Published 1st February 2024)

