



# Helen's Hill 2016 Rangeview Single Clone Reserve Pinot Noir



## ABOUT

Single Vineyard, single clone, single focus. Our Single Clone Reserve Pinot Noirs speak to everything we are as vignerons and winemakers. We are cool climate producers, and this is the pinnacle of our craft. Sourced from a single block of west facing, high planted vines at our Yarra Valley site, this 100% Pommard (D4V5) clone Pinot Noir is the boldest in our range. These vines were selected for their ability to create Pinot with a power and intensity that we believe to be unmatched in other clones of the variety. To accentuate this the vines are cropped low and no expense is spared each year. The results speak for themselves.

## WINEMAKERS NOTES

Once the fruit has reached the perfect balance of acidity, sugar levels and flavour, it is immediately hand picked. From there, we de-stem and lightly crush the fruit to maintain a percentage of whole berries for open top fermentation. This Pinot spends between 10 on skins, with daily gentle pump overs to increase structure and aromatics. It is then pressed off and racked into French oak barrels (40% new oak) for 11 months to mature.

## 2016 VINTAGE REPORT

Flowering conditions in November were similar to 2015; close to perfect. Mild weather through the Spring period led to consistent fruit set and good yields throughout the vineyard. The favourable weather continued on into the ripening season. Consistent heat and moderate rainfall allowed for a controlled ripening season. The result was well balanced fruit, with lovely acidity matching the sugar level, allowing us to build our 2016 wines the way we like to.

## TASTING NOTES

Pinot Noir with intensity and structure that is rarely matched. The bouquet is sour cherry and spice, the palate follows through on what the bouquet promised. Dark cherry and bramble fruits are complimented with spice and ample structure to keep the wine alive on the tongue for an age after it is first tasted. A Pinot Noir built to stand the test of time.

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| Colour | Dark Crimson.                          |
| Aroma  | Black Cherry and Spices.               |
| Palate | Intense dark fruits, powerful tannins. |



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