

GIANT STEPS

YARRA VALLEY

Giant Steps, 'Wombat Creek Vineyard' Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2017

Yarra Valley, Victoria, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Steve Flamsteed
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Acidity	5.3g/L
Wine pH	3.64
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegan, Vegetarian

PRODUCER

Giant Steps is a privately owned, estate based, Yarra Valley grower and winemaker that has forged a reputation for delivering some of Australia's most consistent, over-performing, varietal wines. The Giant Steps Single Vineyard range is produced from the most site-expressive fruit from the best vineyards, in great years. Their aim is to express in each wine the character of the site, grape and vintage, and this they achieve by meticulous work in the vineyard and minimum intervention in the winery. Head winemaker Steve Flamsteed and his team are making some of the best wines in Australia from these sites.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine come from Wombat Creek vineyard, the highest altitude vineyard in the Yarra Valley at 420 metres above sea level. This makes it an ideal location for the production of cool climate wines. It was originally planted in 1988 with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir with the intention of producing base wine for sparkling production, but over the years has gradually transitioned to being used for table wine. The ferrous-based volcanic soil produces a distinctively soft yet long and firm palate.

VINTAGE

2017 was a very good vintage for the Yarra Valley. Flowering was very successful due to ideal conditions through spring which meant the vines could be thinned down to one bunch per shoot. A cool, early summer meant harvest dates were three weeks later than the previous vintage but a perfect autumn meant that crops were evenly balanced with excellent acidity and ripe flavours.

VINIFICATION

Two separate parcels were hand picked. 20% of the Pinot Noir was destemmed; the remainder of bunches were kept whole. Fermentation occurred in closed-top vats with light pump-overs and occasional foot stomps over a two week period to extend skin contact. The wine was then aged in 228 litre French barriques (18% new) for ten months before being bottled, unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is bright crimson-purple in colour. On the nose, there are intense aromas of red fruits with earthy and floral notes on the long finish.