

GIANT STEPS

VIGNERONS

YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



2014 GIANT STEPS APPLEJACK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER: Phil Sexton & Steve Flamsted
REGION: Gladysdale - Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir (Clones: MV6, 114, 115)
MATURATION: 10 months in 100% French oak (30% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 3.76 pH | 5.65 g/L

VINEYARD:

Applejack Vineyard is 80 acres and was first planted in 2001. It is located on a dramatic east-facing slope, at an elevation of nearly 1,000 feet. The vines are close planted in red/brown clay loam soils and meticulously managed.

WINEMAKING:

Fruit was hand-picked and sorted then chilled overnight. 60% was kept as whole bunches. The remaining fruit was de-stemmed, but not crushed. A significant portion of the whole bunches were closed up in a vat and not manipulated in any way. The must was cold soaked for three days and then fermented with indigenous yeast for three weeks in oak vats and small open fermenters. Drain and returns and plunging was minimal. The fermented must was gravity transferred into an airbag press and pressed into tank. The wine was racked off gross lees to oak for indigenous malolactic fermentation. Unfiltered and bottled by gravity.

TASTING NOTES:

It has a good intensity of redcurrant and cranberry aromas plus whole bunch notes of Mediterranean herbs and moss, over subtle hints of beetroot and rhubarb. Medium to light bodied, it has great concentration in the mouth with plenty of ripe berry flavors. The ample tannins are soft and fleshy giving texture to a seamless flow. The finish is long and delicious and the wine will only improve over the next several years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

95 pts Australian Wine Companion, 92 pts Vinous, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT GIANT STEPS:

Established in 1998, Giant Steps explores the relationship between vineyard site, the Yarra Valley's cool climate, and different grape clones to finely fingerprint the personality and character of each vineyard. Grapes are biodynamically farmed and drawn from both estate and leased vineyards as well as grapes from long-term contracted growers, supported by strong relationships and meticulous supervision throughout the year. Giant Steps wines are produced fastidiously in the vineyard and vinified with minimal intervention so that each wine is a faithful expression of site, vintage and culture.



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