

GIANT STEPS

VIGNERONS

YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



2015 GIANT STEPS YARRA VALLEY PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER : Phil Sexton & Steve Flamsteed
REGION : Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS : Pinot Noir (clones: MV6, 114, 115, Pommard, 777 and G5V15)
MATURATION : 11 months in French oak (25% new)
ANALYSIS : 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 7.08 g/L | pH: 3.57

VINTAGE :

Drenching winter rains and a wonderful spring made for a good, even fruit set. Summer growing conditions were ideal with an average January temperature of 80°F. A welcome rain event in mid-February gave a little breathing space. Good yields were matched in harmony with pristine fruit quality.

WINEMAKING :

The fruit was hand picked and chilled before being de-stemmed, but not crushed, to small open oak vats. 30% of the fruit was maintained as whole bunches. After cold soaking the fruit was fermented with indigenous yeast and minimal cap work. The wine was then transferred by gravity to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and maturation. The barrels were racked twice during spring and summer. Light fining, no filtration, gravity bottled.

TASTING NOTES :

An intricate blend of delicious parcels. Powerful, lifted aromas of cherries, blue and red fruits are complemented by underlying savory, gamey characters. Forest floor flavors carry onto the medium bodied palate which is lush, elegant and broad. Supple yet present tannins will support cellaring for at least ten years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 95 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts Wine & Spirits, 90 pts Wine Spectator

ABOUT GIANT STEPS : Established in 1998, Giant Steps is owned by Phil Sexton and takes its name from the eponymous jazz album by John Coltrane as Coltrane consolidated his solo career after leaving Miles Davis and his band. From the biodynamically farmed estate and leased vineyards Giant Steps crafts two wine ranges. The Yarra Valley range is highly expressive, true to the climate, soil and topography of this region. The Single Vineyard range is produced from the most site-expressive fruit off the best vineyards in great years. Giant Steps wines are produced fastidiously in the vineyard and vinified with minimal intervention in its gravity flow winery.



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