

GIANT STEPS

VIGNERONS
YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



2016 GIANT STEPS YARRA VALLEY PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER : Phil Sexton & Steve Flamsteed
REGION : Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS : Pinot Noir
MATURATION : 11 months in French oak (25% new)
ANALYSIS : 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.73 g/L | pH: 3.59

VINTAGE :

2016 has proven to be one of the fastest vintages in Giant Steps' history. Bud burst was relatively early, and being followed by a dry, mild spring delivered the earliest start to flowering recorded. Perfectly timed rain events in late January gave the vineyard a much needed freshen up prior to picking. Harvest began very early with ideal flavors developing rapidly, crops were well-balanced and the berries had intense flavor and solid natural acidity.

WINEMAKING :

Giant Steps embraces a natural winemaking philosophy. There is minimal intervention in the vineyard and the grapes are 100% hand-picked. Some of the grapes were crushed with 35% kept as whole clusters. Fermentation took place using indigenous yeasts in 4000L open top oak vats and stainless steel fermenters. Delestage was by gravity with some light hand plunges and pigeage. The wine was matured in French oak barrels, 25% of which were new. The wine was not filtered prior to bottling by gravity.

TASTING NOTES :

This wine expresses an intricate blend of delicious parcels from Giant Steps' Tarraford, Applejack, Lusatia Park, Primavera and Sexton vineyards. Powerful, lifted aromas of cherries, blue and red fruits are complemented by underlying savory, gamey characters. Forest floor flavors lead into the medium-bodied palate which is lush, elegant and broad. The supple yet present tannins will support cellaring for at least ten years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 93 pts Australian Wine Companion, 89 pts Wine Spectator

ABOUT GIANT STEPS : Established in 1998, Giant Steps is owned by Phil Sexton and takes its name from John Coltrane's eponymous first solo jazz album. Giant Steps' fruit is biodynamically farmed and vinified with minimal intervention in its gravity flow winery. The Yarra Valley range is highly expressive, true to the climate, soil and topography of this region. The Single Vineyard range is crafted from the most site-expressive fruit off the best vineyards in great years. Giant Steps has forged a reputation for delivering some of Australia's most consistent, over-performing, varietal wines reflected by its ongoing, enviable global acclaim including Wine & Spirits Top 100 Wineries of the Year, 2013-2017.



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