

2018 GIANT STEPS

WOMBAT CREEK PINOT NOIR



WINEMAKER: Phil Sexton & Steve Flamsteed
REGION: Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir
MATURATION: 10 months in French oak (18% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.85 | pH: 3.66

VINEYARD: Wombat Creek Vineyard is the highest altitude vineyard in the Yarra Valley, making it an ideal location for the production of extreme cool climate wines. The underlying ferrous (red) based volcanic soil and rock produce a distinctively soft yet long and firm palate that contrasts with the finer palates seen from the nearby Applejack Vineyard (basalt based volcanic).

WINEMAKING: Hand-picked without additions. Picked in 2 parcels, in both cases 20% was destemmed to the base of the vat to commence a “pied de cuve” ferment. The vats were then filled to the brim with whole bunches and closed up to allow a semi carbonic maceration to occur. Occasional foot stomps were done to release a little more juice into the ferment and extend the time on skins. Pressed after 2 weeks to new and used tight grain French barriques

TASTING NOTES: All the 2018 Giant Steps Pinots have lovely perfume, color and very generous mouthfeels. The Wombat Creek offers creamy notes of wild strawberry, fresh flowers and red licorice with savory herb nuances. The palate is incredibly textural with great depth and intensity of flavor.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts JamesSuckling.com, 94 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, 2013-2018.

