

GIANT STEPS

VIGNERONS
YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



2017 GIANT STEPS YARRA VALLEY PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER : Phil Sexton & Steve Flamsteed
REGION : Yarra Valley, Victoria
VARIETALS : Pinot Noir
MATURATION : 7 months in French oak (10% new)
ANALYSIS : 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.56 g/L | pH: 3.49

VINTAGE :

2017 was a textbook cool climate vintage. The preceding winter was cool to cold with good rainfall and ground saturation as the valley moved into spring. The growing season was characterized by intermittent rainfall with otherwise cool to mild days, bright sunshine and importantly, no temperature peaks. As a result, all varieties enjoyed slower ripening where acids, sugar and flavor stayed well in-sync. The resulting wines have terrific structure and detail, underpinned by crisp natural acidity and bright fruit.

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 20% 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, 10% 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.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

93 pts JamesSuckling.com, 92 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.



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