



2019 Mermerus Pinot Noir

Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria



Winemaker/Owner: Paul Champion

The 2019 Mermerus Pinot Noir is a single vineyard wine, 100% estate grown and made at our vineyard on the Bellarine Peninsula, which lies between Port Phillip Bay and the Southern Ocean in Victoria.

Fruit was hand-picked from low cropping (yields of 1.8 tonnes per acre) MV6 vines that were planted in 1996. It was open fermented, basket pressed and matured in French oak barriques for 12 months.

Medium weighted, ripe fruit flavours of red and dark cherry, raspberry along with subtle floral notes and some spice coming through from oak, while the typical underlying earthy nature of Geelong Pinot is subtle but adds another layer to the wine. The structure is assertive and while there is plenty of development to come, the wine has a finesse to it that makes it lovely drinking now.

Will also reward medium term cellaring, up to 6 years.

Alcohol: 14%

By way of background, Mermerus Vineyard is named after the Victorian sailing ship called 'Mermerus' which carried export wool from the port of Geelong to England in the 1800s. The owner/winemaker's grandfather was a wool merchant, so the name has both a connection to the family, as well as to the local area.