

Little Petal Rosé 2021

Grapes: 57% Pinot Noir 43% Pinot Gris

Geographical Indication: 57% Yarra Valley and 43% Alpine Valleys

The Vineyard: The Pinot Noir was sourced from our Full Moon Vineyard in Gladysdale, Upper Yarra Valley. These 20-year-old vines are grown on chocolate-coloured volcanic soils on a gentle west facing slope. Meticulously managed and tendered to by Simon Harte. Cropping at 2.5-3T/acre. This was blended with Pinot Gris from the Bungamero vineyard in Whorouly South, Alpine Valleys. Tim and Mark Walpole planted their 18-hectare vineyard in 1989. The site was selected because of its north-east aspect and cooling winds that sweep across the site ideal for growing Pinot Grigio.

The Season: The Season 2021 delivered a textbook growing and ripening season. Plenty of rain through winter and spring, followed by a mild summer and ideal ripening temperatures produced abundant healthy canopies, lower yields, and slow consistent ripening.

Winemaking: Saignee Pinot Noir hand-picked from the Full Moon Vineyard in Gladysdale, Upper Yarra Valley. Drained to seasoned French oak barriques and wild fermented, slow and cool. Lees stirring and left to mature in oak for 6 months before racking and blending. The Pinot Gris spent a small amount of time on skins before being pressed to tank for fermentation with aromatic yeast strains. The wine was blended with minimal fining before bottling.

Maturation: It's left to mature in oak for 6 months before racking and blending.

Filtration: Crossflow

Bottling Date: 1/11/21

Analysis: Alcohol 12.90% Acid 6.79g/L pH 3.01 Sugar 0.02g/L