

Stargazer 2019 'Rada'

Winemaker: Samantha Connew

Grape(s): 66% Pinot Meunier, 34% Pinot Noir

GI: Tasmania

Site(s): Two single vineyards, one in Piper's Brook and one in Coal River Valley

Vintage notes: Warmer than average from October through January, with the season ending up being one of the warmest on record for Tasmania. Vintage was quite compressed.

Vineyard notes: The pinot meunier is sourced from a single vineyard in the Piper's Brook region of northeast Tasmania, planted on red ferrosol. The pinot noir comes from a north-facing Coal River Valley vineyard (in the Tea Tree subzone), on the south side of the island, planted to various clones on dark clay and dolerite. Both vineyards are members of VinZero, a Tasmanian sustainability charter.

Winemaking: All fruit was harvested on the same day in mid April, at 12.5° baumé. The pinot meunier was destemmed, while 25% of the pinot noir was left as whole bunches in the same fermenters (10% total). Cold-soaked for three days prior to a 7-day wild-ferment. The wine was then basket-pressed and racked off gross lees into older François Frères and Ermitage oak puncheons, spending 5 months in barrel on fine lees. 3.54 pH, 5.2 g/L TA.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 13%

LEGEND tasting notes: A vibrant lifted nose of cranberries, muntries, struck match, violets, and poached rhubarb is married with a fresh, crunchy palate and modest soft tannins. Translucent red fruits are the hallmark of this wine, supported by savory, spicy notes from the meunier component and fresh cherry pip acidity on the finish.

Label design: "Rada" is named after Rada Penfold, a member of the famous South Australian "Penfold" wine family, who wrote a wine column for the Sydney Morning Herald to encourage consumers to drink more table wine. Artwork commissioned from Hobart artist Kate Piekutowksi.

Production size: 4770 bottles.



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