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William Downie 2020 'Cathedral' Pinot Noir

Winemaker: William Downie

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Victoria

Site(s): A blend of Pinot Noir from Little Cathedral Farm in Upper Goulburn (60%) and Mrs Nicks Vineyard in Balnarring on the Mornington Peninsula (40%)

Vintage notes: 2020 was one of the coolest and latest seasons in the last decade. Very small yields made sure everything ripened well, in the end!

Vineyard notes: Little Cathedral Farm sits at 350m elevation at the foot of the Cathedral range. The vines were planted in 1998 on 400 million-year-old sandstone and shale. Mrs Nicks is planted on red volcanic soils at 70m elevation.

Winemaking: All of the fruit was destemmed and not crushed. Native yeast ferment in wooden and stainless steel vats without temperature control. There were no punch-downs or pump-overs and no additions. The must was pressed after 30 days and then aged in stainless steel. A small SO₂ addition was made and the wine filtered just prior to bottling.

Closure: Diam 3

ABV: 13.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: A vibrant and somewhat wild nose of native berries (lilly pilly, muntries), bush tomato, pickled rosella, and anise myrtle. Fleshy and bright fruit fills out the palate, with loads of complexity and substance on a lithe, elegant body. Regal structure tempers the feral quality a bit, with the result being an outstandingly complex and nuanced wine.

Label design: All art done by Reg Mombassa, a New Zealand-born, Australian-raised artist and musician

Production size: 1100 dozen