



Labyrinth Valley Farm Pinot Noir 2005

The Valley Farm 2005 is Labyrinth's vineyard designated Pinot noir from the Yarra Valley in Victoria, Australia. One of 2 unique sites, this wine displays more opulent red fruit flavours than previous vintages. As with the California Pinot Noirs, wine making protocol remains the same so that differences are a reflection of the vineyard site rather than the touch of the winemaker

The Vineyard

Located in the northern Yarra Valley, Valley Farm is a sloped north facing site on heavy clay loam. The clone is MV6 and is farmed by the acre at 2 t/acre

Vintage

A mild wet winter followed by cool to mild conditions led to a normal harvest date. Yields were slightly lower and berry size was typical of 2003 . . . small and tannic but quite perfumed. The resulting wines were quite intense so new oak was increased to 40% with extra time in barrel.

Harvest

Valley Farm . . . 20 March 2005

Brix . . . 22.4 pH 3.49 TA 7.2

Yield . . . 1.8 t/ acre

Fermentation

25% whole bunch

75% destemmed

Spontaneous natural after 24 hours. Ferment . . . finished with cultured yeast to ensure dryness

No post soak

Cooperage & Bottling

27 months on lees

40% new french oak

Bottled September 2007 . . . coarse filtration only

Production . . . 254 cases