

# KOORYONG



## Kooyong Estate Pinot Noir 2012 – Tasting Notes

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The Kooyong vineyard is located on the Mornington Peninsula at Tuerong, on Miocene sedimentary soils. Our wines are made from domain grown, handpicked grapes and aim to manifest terroir: the integration of our geology and soils with the macroclimate of our region, the mesoclimates of the various sites within our vineyard and the weather of the annual grape growing season. Our cultural operations in the vineyard and practices in the winery endeavour to articulate these unique characteristics diligently, respectfully and without artifice.

### Vineyard

The 2012 Kooyong Estate Pinot Noir is a single estate blend of Pinot Noir. The parcels in this wine represent 6.55 hectares.

### Winemaking

The hand-picked fruit was fermented, without yeast inoculation, in open vats for 18 to 21 days, with a small proportion of whole bunches included. The malolactic conversion in barrel also is natural. The maturation approach is to spend ten months in French oak (25% new) and then a further ten months in large wooden foudre.

### Vintage

As the La Niña conditions of 2011 continued in weakened form, the winter of 2011 was warmer than average and the Peninsula experienced about 20 to 30% above average rainfall. Budburst

was early and the spring temperatures were close to, albeit slightly above average; humidity was elevated also. Rainfall was again above average but conditions were fundamentally more manageable than the previous season. Early growth was good although inflorescences were small. Flowering and fruit set went well as summer brought in some welcome drier conditions. The ripening period was average to slightly cooler than average and rainfall was frequent leading up to harvest though there weren't any significant problems with disease. Harvest was a little early, particularly for Pinot Noir as bunch sizes were limited by the previous cold summer; this lowering of yields was more pronounced with the more elevated, cooler sites on the Peninsula.

### Tasting Note – August 2014

Vibrant ruby red in colour. The nose displays a mixture of blueberry, dark cherry and floral, offset with earthy wood smoke notes. The complex palate is approachable yet with an underlying seriousness. It mimics the savoury, fruity characters of the aroma, with an additional hint of blood orange. A controlled lushness with great length and depth is balanced with the acid and fine tannins, concluding with an elegant, seamless finish.

### Alcohol

13.5%