

GIANT STEPS

YARRA VALLEY
SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

Giant Steps Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley Victoria 2018

PRODUCER

Giant Steps is a privately owned Yarra Valley producer that has forged a reputation for making some of the Yarra Valley's most consistently exciting wines from estate-owned vineyards. The Giant Steps Single Vineyard wines are produced from their best vineyards in great years. Head winemaker Steve Flamsteed and his team aim is to express in each wine the character of the site, grape and vintage, and this they achieve by meticulous work in the vineyard and minimum intervention in the winery.

VINEYARD

With a history spanning over 175 years, there's no doubt that Yarra Valley is one of Australia's most celebrated cool climate wine regions and Victoria's first wine growing district. These wines were born from a desire to produce a Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of Giant Steps quality which are expressive of the regional characteristics of the Yarra Valley rather than a single site. Fruit for this wine is sourced from the Sexton, Tarraford, Applejack and Jobling estate vineyards.

VINIFICATION

The Yarra Valley wines are produced using a natural winemaking philosophy, whilst ensuring quality is the priority. Vinification took place using indigenous yeasts, gravity-flow winemaking and minimal fining and filtration. This approach produces highly expressive wines, true to the climate, soil and topography of the Yarra Valley. The fruit was 100% hand-picked and then fermented in 4000 litre open oak vats and stainless steel fermenters, 20% was whole bunch fermented. Rack and return took place by gravity and some light hand plunges were carried out. The wine underwent 100% malolactic fermentation and was then aged for seven months in new and used French puncheons, of which 10% were new and 90% older oak. The wine was then bottled without filtration.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is very much a sum of its parts, with perfumed cherry characters coming from the Sexton Vineyard, Campari notes from Applejack and Tarraford's mocha and cocoa earthiness underpinning it. It has vibrant red and blue fruits but a lovely underlying earthiness, with white mushrooms, truffles, savoury spice and forest floor characters. An elegant wine with breadth, structure and viscosity on the palate.

AWARDS

The Wine Front – 91 pts



VINTAGE

Vintage	2018
Region	Yarra Valley, Victoria
Grape Variety	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Steve Flamsteed and Julian Grounds
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Acidity	6.10 g/L
Wine pH	3.6