

William Downie

Cathedral Pinot Noir



Vineyard Sites: 40% Upper Goulburn, 35% King Valley, 15% Alpine Valleys and 10% Mornington Peninsula

Some of Downie's key vineyards for Cathedral include Mrs Nicks in Mornington Peninsula, planted on red volcanic soils at 70m elevation. Rivendel is planted on sandy clay loam with D5V12 and D2V4, elevation is 100m. Bluestone Lane is on the opposite side of the road to Mrs Nicks and has same altitude and soil type. 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.

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 3 weeks and then aged in stainless steel. A small SO2 addition was made and the wine filtered just prior to bottling.

Grape varieties : Pinot Noir

Alcohol : 13%

Tasting notes :

A vibrant and somewhat wild nose of native berries (lilly pilly, muntries), bush tomato, pickled rosella, mace and anise myrtle. Fleshy and bright fruit fills out the palate, with complexity and substance on a lithe, elegant body.

Press Notes

James Suckling

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92 points

