

Tussie Mussie Pinot Noir 2016

Tussie Mussie Vineyard, Merricks North
Pinot Noir: 777 clone
Established 2008

Vineyard Tussie Mussie is a relatively new Mornington Peninsula vineyard. Only Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir are chosen for this warm north facing site, located along Bittern Dromana Road, Merricks North. French 777 Pinot Noir is a new clone similar in many ways to the classic Australian clone MV6. 777 is boldly aromatic, the fruit character is stronger and more intense with round tannins and overall impression of ripe cherry. Young vineyards need a few vintages before it is possible to make a distinguished wine, thus this is only the second single vineyard Pinot Noir from Tussie Mussie.

Winery Harvest date was 9th March, with various treatments of crushing and destemming into 3-ton vats. Only the free run was taken - once after a week and the balance of the tanks after 3 weeks. The free run then transferred into barrels, the early run off, creating the softer barrel ferment blend portion.

Each of the barrels were racked several times over the year to enhance clarity and invigorate aroma. The wine is a rich earthy Pinot Noir, with clear cherry fruit aroma. The palate is soft and slippery with very fine tannin.

Tasting A rich earthy Pinot Noir with clear cherry fruit aroma. The palate is soft and slippery, full, and generous with very fine tannin. Ready to drink now.

Harvest March 9th

Bottled July 27th

Ageing capacity This is a vibrant Pinot to be drunk in its youth; up to 5 years.

