



Yabby Lake Vineyard  
Mornington Peninsula

## 2021 Pinot Noir Collection

### A limited six pack selection released for Christmas

2021 was a vintage of exceptional quality. A wet winter, mild spring and temperate summer produced wines that will live long in the memory and in the cellar.

*"It has been a very surreal two years for all of us - and right in the middle of everything, a vintage like 2021 appears. Fine, focused with beautiful balance and above all, utterly delicious wines."* Tom Carson, winemaker

We hope you enjoy this special selection of pinot noirs from our Yabby Lake team.

### 2021 Yabby Lake Single Vineyard Pinot Noir

<b>Alc</b>	13%
<b>Clones</b>	70% MV6, 25% G5V15, 5% D4V2
<b>Blocks</b>	1, 2, 5 & 8
<b>Soil</b>	Light sandy clay loam, sandy loam deep soils
<b>Harvest</b>	10–20 March
<b>Barrel</b>	100% French oak (20% new)
<b>Winemaking</b>	The mild and even ripening conditions meant patience was essential in 2021, to ensure thorough and complete ripening of the fruit. Harvest was in March and over a 10-day period for pinot noir. The fruit was handpicked, with each parcel handled separately in the winery. Hand sorted and carefully de-stemmed, the whole berries were then transferred to oak fermentation vats for natural fermentation. A small portion of whole bunches (10%) were used in 2021. Once fermentation was complete the wines were transferred to French oak 500L barrels for maturation, 20% of which were new. The wines were left undisturbed until bottling in February 2022.
<b>The wine</b>	A bright and dense crimson colour. The aromas are intense and complex for a young wine - red fruits, raspberry, red currant with dark cherries, coupled with a floral and spicy note. The palate is super fine and silky with layers of red fruits and florals. It is rounded and intense with layers of flavour and texture leading to a long and bold finish. Cellar for at least five years, and preferably more than 10.

## 2021 Red Claw Pinot Noir

<b>Alc</b>	13.5%
<b>Clones</b>	35% MV6, 21% G5V15, 10% 115, 12% 667, 10% ABEL, 8% D4V2, 4% 114
<b>Soil</b>	Light sandy clay loam, sandy loam deep soils
<b>Harvest</b>	6 – 24 March
<b>Winemaking</b>	Handpicked, with each parcel handled separately in the winery. Hand sorted and carefully destemmed with 10% whole bunches, each parcel went into traditional open fermenters. The wine underwent three days of cold soaking to ensure even and thorough extraction. Batches were on skins for 5-7 days, after which time they were transferred into French oak (500L puncheons) for 10 months, the blend was then assembled and bottled in January 2022.
<b>The wine</b>	Characteristic perfumed, fragrant aromas highlighted by cherry and red fruits, complemented by a touch of spice and underlying French oak. The long, silky palate has lovely elegance and delicacy, a plush, velvety texture and a finely poised finish. <i>Recently named in James Halliday's Top 100 Wines of 2022</i>

See overleaf for the Winemaker's Selection Pinot Noirs...



## INTRODUCING: WINEMAKER'S SELECTION

*Exclusive to our Wine Club and Cellar Door*

Our guiding principle at Yabby Lake is to craft Single Vineyard wines of great character - wines that are expressive of where they are grown and the unique season in which they were grown.

This has always been at the very heart of our philosophy at Yabby Lake and an exciting new project takes this exploration into new territory, with our 'Winemaker's Selection' bottlings – exclusive to our wine club and cellar door.

### THE JOURNEY

Over the past few years, winemaker Tom Carson has kept his eye out for exceptional vineyard sites in other parts of the Mornington Peninsula. And in recent times we have been fortunate to find and lease two vineyards, one in Main Ridge and one in Shoreham – in addition to our long-term lease of the Barrymore vineyard next door to us in Tuerong.

The quality of the fruit from these sites, and subsequent wines we have been able to make, is of such high quality that we have decided to bottle them as their own 'Single Vineyard' expressions - tiny batches of exceptional wine under a separate label.

### OUR PHILOSOPHY

Our flagship Yabby Lake Single Vineyard wines will always remain just that – an expression of our special site, crafted from the best parcels exclusively from our Yabby Lake Vineyard in Tuerong.

The 'Winemaker's Selection' project allows us to create wines expressive of distinctly different vineyard sites – providing us and our members with a fascinating exploration of new corners of this very special region.

### THE SITES

2021 was an exceptional vintage for pinot noir on the Mornington Peninsula, and we were able to craft two special pinot noirs for the inaugural release of this new project.

**2021 Yabby Lake Winemakers Selection 'Tudibaring Farm' Pinot Noir**

**2021 Yabby Lake Winemakers Selection 'Barrymore Estate' Pinot Noir**

The two sites featured in our first 'Winemaker's Selection' release offer a wonderful comparison of what is colloquially known on the peninsula as 'Up the hill' and 'Down the hill'. **Tudibaring Farm** is located in Main Ridge (up the hill), while **Barrymore Estate** borders Yabby Lake in Tuerong, in the north of the peninsula.

Main Ridge is a further 20-minute drive south (and up the hill) from Tuerong, bordering Arthurs Seat and Red Hill. While both sub-regions benefit from the prevailing sea breezes, Main Ridge has a bit more elevation (170m above sea level, as opposed to 50-100m in Tuerong), and is generally a little cooler. Some years we find we are picking pinot noir a full month earlier in Tuerong, than our friends up the hill. These differences of course provide fascinating variations in varietal expression, and the wines themselves.

## THE WINES

### 2021 Yabby Lake 'Winemakers Selection' Tudibaring Farm Pinot Noir



<b>Alc</b>	13%
<b>Clone</b>	100% D4V2 (Pommard)
<b>Harvest</b>	22 March
<b>Barrel</b>	100% French oak (20% new)
<b>Winemaking</b>	The fruit was handpicked and handled as a separate parcel in the winery. Hand sorted and carefully de-stemmed, the whole berries were then transferred to oak fermentation vats for natural fermentation. A small portion of whole bunches (20%) were used. Once fermentation was complete the wine was transferred to French oak 500L barrels for maturation, 20% of which were new. The wines were left undisturbed until bottling in February 2022.
<b>The wine</b>	Dark fruit aromas with a spicy note, leads to a rich and structured palate. The wine is intense and concentrated, ensuring longevity. Stored carefully this wine will age gracefully for at least ten years.

### 2021 Yabby Lake 'Winemakers Selection' Barrymore Estate Pinot Noir



<b>Alc</b>	13.5%
<b>Clone</b>	100% MV6
<b>Harvest</b>	15 March
<b>Barrel</b>	100% French oak (20% new)
<b>Winemaking</b>	The fruit was handpicked and handled separately in the winery. Hand sorted and carefully de-stemmed (no whole bunches), the whole berries were then transferred to oak fermentation vats for natural fermentation. Once fermentation was complete the wine was transferred to French oak 500L barrels for maturation, 20% of which were new. The wines were left undisturbed until bottling in February 2022.
<b>The wine</b>	The wine has a compelling array of aromas – cherry, red fruits, Asian spice and florals. The palate is silky and finely poised. It is balanced and long on flavour, ensuring its longevity. Stored carefully this wine will age gracefully for at least ten years.