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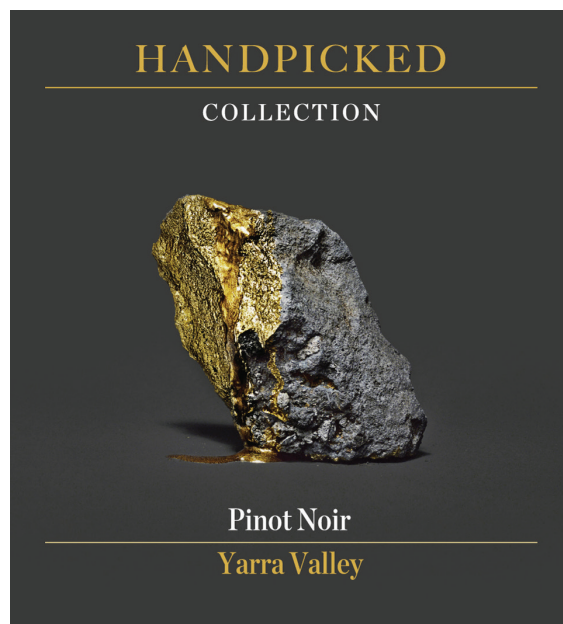
# HANDPICKED™ WINES

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Awarded a Red 5 Star Winery Rating  
by James Halliday Wine Companion

## 2015 Handpicked Collection Yarra Valley Pinot Noir



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*Silky tannins and bright cherry fruit flavours make this a classic Yarra Valley Pinot Noir.*

**The Region:** This is a cool climate region where summers are relatively cool and dry. Most rainfall occurs in winter and spring and frost can affect low-lying vineyards. This wine was grown at our Highbow Hill Vineyard just north of Yarra Glen township. The soils are sandy loam over clay and gravel over Yarra Valley mudstone. The vines were planted in 1998 on VSP trellis. Handpicked Wines has invested heavily in the property to improve overall vineyard health; this vision and hard work was acknowledged by the industry when Highbow Hill was named 2017 Yarra Valley Vineyard of the Year at the Yarra Valley Wine Show.

**The Wine:** This wine has aromas of cherry and spicy oak with bright berry fruit flavours, silky tannin and a long finish.

**Technical Info:** 2015 was an excellent vintage in the Yarra Valley. Mild conditions in spring allowed good fruit set and yields were about average. Continuing cool and mild conditions promoted excellent flavour development and retention of fine acid. Wines of 2015 will be remembered for their exceptional balance and cellaring potential.

The fruit was hand harvested in ideal cool, dry conditions in early March. Bunches were destemmed and the must was vinified in open fermenters with hand plunging twice daily. The wine was matured for 11 months in French oak barriques, about 40% new, from a selection of Burgundian coopers.



**93 Points**  
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