



**HANDPICKED™  
WINES**

## 2018 Handpicked X Gorman Pinot Noir

### Mornington Peninsula

- Hand harvested and sorted
- Matured in French oak
- Exceptional fruit flavours



#### A NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER

Our 2018 Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir wines have deep colour, juicy fruit flavours and ample fine tannin.

#### SEASON

There were few hot days, but the summer nights were balmy and overall the season was a warm one. Vintage arrived early and with a bang, with different varieties ripening in close succession.

#### WINEMAKING

The fruit is from two vineyards to the north of the region, including Handpicked's flagship Capella Vineyard. The fruit was hand-picked and chilled overnight before being destemmed and sorted by hand. The must was fermented in small open fermenters with hand plunging. The wine was matured for 11 months in a mix of old and new French oak barrels from selected Burgundian coopers.

#### TASTING NOTE

A medium-bodied wine with bright cherry flavours and silky-smooth tannin. It has excellent depth of colour and flavour with a touch of spicy oak complexity.

#### REGION

The Mornington Peninsula is a maritime region moderated year-round by cooling breezes. The area is renowned for its "four seasons in one day"; spring is notoriously capricious, which can lead to sleepless nights for vignerons around flowering and fruit set. Summers are dry and relatively cool typically segueing into an autumn of calm, warm, dry days and cool nights.

The season for vines planted on red volcanic soils across the hilly ridge running down the centre of the peninsula generally runs a few weeks behind the vineyards on clay loams on lowlands to the north.

#### Food Match

Mushroom dishes, poultry, salami pizza cheese and charcuterie platter.

#### Wine Style

Textured & Savoury  
Elegant & Refined

#### Service

TEMPERATURE  
13 – 17°C, or lightly  
chilled on a warm  
summer day.

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