

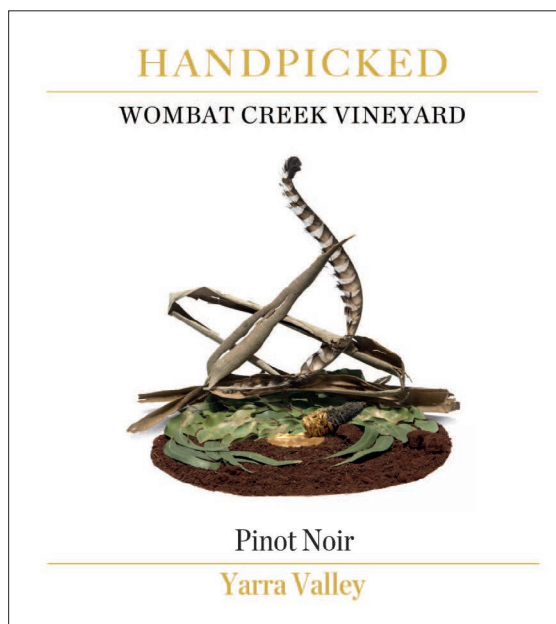


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by James Halliday Wine Companion

2017 Handpicked Wombat Creek Yarra Valley Pinot Noir



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The Region: Wombat Creek, Yarra Valley
Planted on hills at 450m elevation near Mount Donna Buang, Wombat Creek is the highest vineyard in the Yarra Valley, making it uniquely situated for production of premium cool climate wines. Mature Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vines are planted on soils of free-draining volcanic loam and on steep slopes that allow frost to drain away. This is a true cool climate vineyard with reliable annual rainfall of around 1200mm.

Wombat Creek rises in a spring-fed pond at the bottom of the vineyard. The surrounding forest, fern gullies and creeks are home to platypus, lyrebirds, kangaroos, wallabies and, of course, wombats.

The Wine: Our first Pinot Noir wine from this premium high-elevation vineyard shows beautiful purity of fruit with velvety tannin and great depth of flavour from established vines.

Technical Info: Vintage 2016 was a warm, dry season in the Yarra Valley. Yields were above average for early ripening varieties. Harvest was very early, the earliest on record in some vineyards, and arrived very quickly.

This is a single clone wine of MV6 Pinot Noir. The fruit was handpicked in mid-February and chilled overnight before processing. The bunches were destemmed and cold soaked for five days before fermentation in open fermenters with hand plunging twice daily. The wine was matured for 10 months in Taransaud, Dargaud & Jaegle and Mercurey French oak barriques, 40% new.