By Farr

The By Farr RP Geelong Pinot Noir is a tribute to Robyn Pamela Farr, the matriarch of the Farr family. This wine reflects her dedication and contribution to the vineyard over the decades.

RP Geelong Pinot Noir 2021

Victoria, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The fruit for the RP Pinot Noir is sourced from the Cote Vineyard, the same site as the GC Chardonnay. This vineyard, with its close-planted, high-density planting of Pinot Noir on an exposed côte, will be the backbone of the Farr dynasty for decades to come. The vineyard includes **north, northeast, and east-facing slopes**, each with unique soil compositions that contribute to the wine's complexity:

- The **North côte** features red to brown loam with buckshot stones on the surface and is the most exposed of the three côtes. It retains moisture longer due to its high clay content and is harvested last.
- The **Northeast côte** continues with buckshot stones until the soil becomes black and lined with limestone, transitioning to sandstone at the vineyard's highest point.
- The **East côte** is divided by a central rise and consists of black volcanic soil with fragmented limestone in one direction and grey loam with buckshot stones in the other. This côte has the least amount of clay, resulting in early harvest despite being the coolest slope.

Winemaking

The winemaking process for By Farr RP Geelong Pinot Noir involves meticulous care and traditional techniques. The **fruit is hand-picked and sorted** in the vineyard to ensure only the highest quality grapes are used. The grapes are then fermented in an open-top fermenter, with 40 to 50 percent destemmed and cold-soaked for four days to extract color and flavor.

Natural yeast is used for the fermentation, which lasts approximately 19 days. **Pigeage (grape stomping)** is conducted two to three times a day to achieve the desired level of extraction. After fermentation, the wine is placed in 50 to 60 percent new Allier barrels by gravity. The wine undergoes malolactic fermentation and is racked by gas, first after the secondary fermentation and then again at **18 months** before bottling.

Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby red with brilliant clarity.
- **Aroma**: Highly perfumed with an abundance of fruit aromas, complemented by fine and detailed tannins.
- **Palate**: Smooth and calm, the wine stretches the length of the palate with abundant fruit leading to a refined tannin structure. It showcases the finesse and elegance that are hallmarks of the Cote Vineyard.

Did you know?

By Farr is a family-owned winery, and the RP Pinot Noir is named in honor of **Robyn Pamela Farr**, who has been integral to the vineyard's success. Her hands-on approach and dedication have shaped the vineyard and its wines, making this Pinot Noir a fitting tribute to her legacy.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Peking Duck with Hoisin Sauce**: The rich, savory flavors of Peking duck are enhanced by the fruity and perfumed notes of the Pinot Noir, while the hoisin sauce adds a sweet and tangy element that complements the wine's structure.
- **Porcini Mushroom Pasta**: The earthy and umami flavors of porcini mushrooms pair beautifully with the complex aromas and smooth texture of the Pinot Noir.
- **Grilled Salmon with Dill and Lemon**: The fresh, herbaceous flavors of dill and the brightness of lemon complement the wine's refined tannins and fruity profile.
- **Roasted Beet Salad with Feta and Walnuts**: The sweetness of roasted beets, the tanginess of feta, and the crunch of walnuts bring out the nuanced flavors and perfumed aromas of the Pinot Noir.

96 Decanter

Decanter (DCT) : 96 Points (2020)

Taken from the famous Côte Vineyard, 'Robyn Pamela' is treated to about half the crop being destemmed, and half the wine is matured in new Allier oak barrels. This is my favourite RP vintage to date, and only a couple of Aussie Pinots manage to engender the richness, intensity, gravitas and flair that this wine seemingly summons with ease. Texturally, it is richer and more succulent than any other Aussie Pinot, too.

94 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2016)

A juicy and tannic red showing lots of berries and cedar with light, toffee and leather character. Full body, chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. Needs time to soften. Structured pinot. Better after 2022.