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By Farr Farrside Geelong Pinot Noir 2021 is an exquisite expression of Pinot Noir, crafted in the heart of Geelong, Victoria. Known for its firm structure and savory complexity, this wine reflects the meticulous craftsmanship of Nick Farr and his father, Gary Farr.



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Victoria, Australia

Region and Vineyards

92
Decanter



The **Geelong wine region** in Victoria, Australia, is situated approximately **80 kilometers southwest of Melbourne**. Known for its cool maritime climate, the region provides ideal conditions for growing Pinot Noir. The **Farrside vineyard** lies on the most northerly side of the By Farr estate, featuring **black volcanic soil over limestone**, which contributes to the wine's distinct minerality and structure.

The vineyard employs sustainable and organic practices, including **cover cropping, mulching, and organic sprays**, to maintain vine health and soil quality. The vines are a mix of **114, 115, 777, 667, and MV6 clones**, planted with east-to-west orientation to minimize overexposure to sunlight. This combination of clones and the vineyard's cooler growing conditions leads to a wine that is both **edgy and complex**, with darker soils imparting additional depth and richness.

Winemaking

The 2021 vintage presented challenges with persistent rain and humidity, but rigorous vineyard management ensured the fruit reached full potential. The grapes were **handpicked and sorted** directly in the vineyard to select only the finest fruit. Approximately **50% of the grapes were destemmed**, and the remainder underwent a four-day **cold soak** to enhance flavor extraction.

Fermentation took place in **open-top stainless steel vats** using natural yeasts, lasting **12 days**. Pigeage (manual punching down) was performed two to three times a day to control the level of extraction. The wine was then transferred by gravity into **50% new Allier Damy oak barrels**, where it underwent **malolactic fermentation** and aged for **18 months**. It was racked twice, once after malolactic fermentation and again before bottling, to ensure clarity and balance.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with brilliant clarity.
- **Aroma:** A complex bouquet of red and black fruits, complemented by savory meat, spice, and mineral undertones.
- **Palate:** Firmly structured with a balanced array of flavors, including fresh red and black fruit, evolving into savory and meaty notes. A long, textured finish with edgy minerality and spice completes this refined Pinot Noir.

Did You Know?

Nick Farr, who was named **Winemaker of the Year** by Gourmet Traveller Wine in 2020, spent 10 vintages working in Burgundy at **Domaine Dujac**, honing his skills before returning to Geelong. This expertise is evident in the elegance and precision of wines like **Farrside Pinot Noir 2021**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck breast with cherry sauce:** The wine's red fruit and savory notes complement the richness of the duck and the tartness of the cherries.
- **Herb-crusted lamb chops:** The minerality and spice of the wine balance the earthy flavors of the lamb.
- **Wild mushroom risotto:** Its textured finish and savory elements enhance the umami depth of the dish.
- **Aged Gruyère cheese:** The wine's complexity pairs beautifully with the nutty and creamy characteristics of this cheese.

Decanter (DCT) : 92 Points (2021)



Beautiful nose, alluring perfume of fruits, florals and integrated oak, ripe forest fruits, roses and a pinch of spice. The palate is plush, sweet, caressing, citrus peel freshness. Good concentration of fruit and incisive savoury complexity. Harmoniously balanced.

Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2018)



The medium-ruby 2018 Farrside Pinot Noir is just another exhibit in the case that color intensity and flavor intensity—particularly in Pinot Noir—have little to do with one another. The wine features complex aromas of black tea, roses, grilled plums and fresh raspberries, and those notes are repeated on the medium-bodied palate. There's a bit more expansiveness to this wine compared to the Sangreal, and the tannins are even silkier here, but quality-wise the two wines are basically equivalent.

James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2016)



This delivers a very complex, rather full, ripe and dense pinot with a savory nose, delivering aromas of spiced earth, forest berries and dried red plums. The palate has plenty of power, muscular dark cherries and red plums, which are framed in bold, sinewy tannins. Try this in a few years. Best from 2022.



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