

ST HUBERTS



St Hubert's The Stag Pinot Noir 2015

Hubert de Castella's passion for the Yarra Valley saw him establish St Huberts in 1862. By the late 1800s it had grown to be the largest estate in the area. The wines enjoyed immediate and on-going success at wine shows both domestically and abroad. The onset of the Great Depression, the increasing popularity of fortified wine and the emerging profitability of dairy farming saw the vineyard revert to grazing in the 1920s. It wasn't until the 1960s that the Yarra Valley again rose to prominence as a wine region and St Huberts was once again one of the pioneers.

St Huberts "Hubert the Stag" Pinot is our second tier Pinot offering – serious Pinot at a modest price (sounds like an oxymoron...). First made in 2008, the Stag has won a string of Medals and Accolades in its brief history. Fruit for this wine was harvested from selected premium sites around the Yarra Valley and fermented in small, open fermenters, using whole bunches to add complexity. Maturation took place in a variety of new and seasoned French oak barrels. It is intended as an uncomplicated, fresh, fruit driven wine.

Winemaker Comments Greg Jarratt

Vintage Conditions

2015 was a mild and dry Yarra Valley vintage, one of the coolest since 2009. Yields were back to average (following the small 2014 crush). Cool nights and few very hot days resulted in good acid retention and vibrant fruit flavours.

Harvest date: Mid to late February, 2015

pH: 3.57

Acidity: 5.7g/L

Alcohol: 13.2%

Residual Sugar: 1.0g/L

Bottling Date: 17/8/15

Peak Drinking: Now, to 2018

Maturation: Matured for 5 months in 100% French oak barriques, with approximately 18% new.

Colour: Light crimson with crimson hues.

Nose: Yarra Pinot red-berry fruits jump out of the glass, with raspberries, red currants and lashes of cherries. Stalk and game notes are in the background, along with some spicy supporting oak

Palate: The wine is light bodied, and cherry-berry flavours follow from the nose. An immensely approachable wine, the palate has soft tannins and lively supple flesh. True to style - this wine is all about the vibrant fruit.