

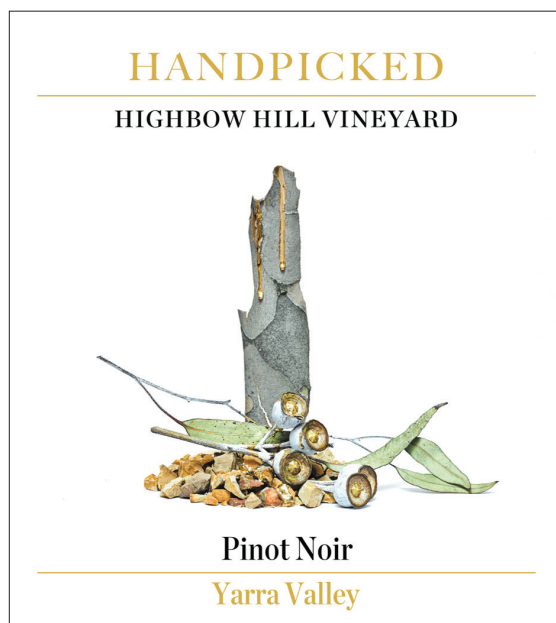


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Awarded a Red 5 Star Winery Rating
by James Halliday Wine Companion

2015 Handpicked Highbow Hill Yarra Valley Pinot Noir



96 Points
James Halliday Wine
Companion 2018

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The Region: The Yarra Valley is a cool climate wine region where summers are relatively cool and dry. Most rainfall occurs in winter and spring and frosts can hit low-lying vineyards. Highbow Hill Vineyard is 40 hectares planted on rolling hills just north of Yarra Glen township. The soils are sandy loam over clay and gravel over Yarra Valley mudstone. Most of the vines were planted in 1998 and they are trained on VSP trellis. Handpicked Wines has invested heavily in the property, planting new areas in 2015 and 2016, erecting new fencing to protect the fruit from kangaroos and other wildlife and generally upgrading viticultural practices to realise the best potential of this exceptional site.

The Wine: Using only the finest fruit from select blocks at our Highbow Hill Vineyard, this wine has concentrated berry fruit flavours and fine tannin.

Pair with Poultry – duck, quail, chicken; cheese and charcuterie; mushroom pasta.

Technical Info: 2015 was a strong vintage in the Yarra Valley. Mild conditions in spring allowed excellent fruit set and yields were good. Continuing cool and mild conditions promoted good flavour development balanced with fine acid. It was generally dry and disease pressure was low. Our Yarra Valley Pinot Noir harvest began in late February.

This is a single vineyard, single clone wine (MV6). The fruit was destemmed and cold soaked before fermentation by wild yeasts in open fermenters. The ferments were hand plunged twice daily. The wine was matured in French oak barriques, about 40% new, for 10 months.