2018 SMALL BATCH RED

TASTING NOTES

VARIETAL
56% Shiraz
44% Pinot Noir

REGION
Yarra Valley, Victoria

WINEMAKER
Tom Belford

VINTAGE
The 2018 Small Batch Red is drawn entirely from the 425 Block at Rising Vineyard. Its north-east exposure, evenness and mix of Shiraz and Pinot Noir plantings demand blending as a single wine to make the ultimate red wine expression of this vineyard. The aim was to capture the intriguing tension of the Christmas Hills between the warmth and sun of this area and the altitude and low-fertility soils.

VINIFICATION
The Shiraz bunches were hand harvested with one component was 100% whole bunch carbonic macerated, and a second component destemmed. The Pinot Noir was also hand harvested then all destemmed before undergoing whole berry maceration. Both components were all natural wild ferments, with no yeast added. It was pressed and then transferred directly to old 500L French oak puncheons to complete fermentation and then left to mature. It was blended and bottled without filtration or fining at the start of December 2018.

TASTING NOTE

Colour - Ruby purple
Aroma - An expressive and dense nose of spiced plums, crushed red berries, cloves, cinnamon, and wood charcoal.
Palate - The palate has a purity and fineness enveloped in a silky and soft generosity all finishing with a savoury cocoa feel. The fleshy fruits, warm spices and vegetal threads really shine through. It is tasty and flavourful.