

KOORYONG

2008 PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD	Kooyong is located on the Mornington Peninsula at Tuerong and focuses on producing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wine; both suited to the Peninsula's cool maritime climate. Kooyong is a 'domain' in the true sense of the word. The wines are made from 100% estate grown fruit at its own on-site winery.
VINTAGE	The 2008 vintage was characterised by an early start and above average yields. A hot week experienced in March had a pronounced effect on the fruit yet to be picked. Fortunately, the vast majority of our fruit had already been harvested. The unseasonably cool February greatly enhanced the aromatic qualities of wines harvested prior to the heat, making these some of the most expressive and individualistic wines made yet.
VITICULTURE	Site 100% estate grown Vine Age 14 years at time of harvest – mix of 6 clones Trellis Vertical Shoot Position (VSP)
WINEMAKING	100% destemmed and fermented in open vats without inoculation. Matured for 18 months in French oak (30% new)
ALCOHOL	13.0 % vol
COLOR	Vibrant ruby red
BOUQUET	A generous, open nose of red and dark berries, and a touch of vanilla bean.
PALATE	The soft, creamy texture reflects the relatively warm vintage, but the sweet fruit is balanced by abundant ripe, round tannins. The flavour spectrum ranges from strawberries, raspberries, and boysenberries, through to cinnamon and clove, tapenade and coffee. There's a thickness and richness of texture that speaks of the vintage, but the varietal character remains pure. Generous and open now, it also has the intensity to age well.
CELLARING	With careful cellaring, this wine has very good potential for ageing.



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