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# JOSHUA COOPER 'DOUG'S VINEYARD' PINOT NOIR

MACEDON RANGES – VICTORIA



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## THE WINE

Doug's Vineyard is situated on the outskirts of the township of Romsey, in the Macedon Ranges. Owned by the Newnham family it was planted over 20-years-ago to predominantly MV6 and smaller amounts of 114 and 115 clone Pinot Noir. A cool hamlet, the vines sit at around 1,700 feet altitude, atop a North and North East facing hillside on red rocky volcanic basalt soil, moderating vigor and providing amazing intensity to the fruit, ripening small, beautifully formed clusters at low sugar levels. The classic 2017 season was a return to slow steady ripening providing low yields of concentrated grapes with beautiful balance and freshness. Once hand harvested in the cool of morning, with careful sorting in the vineyard, 100% was transferred as whole cluster to open fermenters. The must was then allowed to soak 4-5 days at its cool ambient temperature until fermentation commenced. There after the grapes were gently extracted by a combination of pumping over and pigéage by foot. The wine then pressed after a total of three weeks on skins and transferred to a eight old, three young and one new Laurent Burgundy pièce for 12 months aging, followed by six months in stainless steel on fine lees. The wine is lightly racked and bottled unfined and unfiltered with the only addition to the wine being a small dose of sulfur the week before bottling.

Bright ruby. Very classical and very typical of Doug's Vineyard, filled with the typical exotic spice, rose, some clod earth and sweet herbs and concentrated sour cherry and raspberry fruit. Long, fine and deep, with silky but present tannin and cleansing, sappy acidity.

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## THE STATS

<b>Vintage</b>	2017
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Viticulture</b>	Lutte Raisonée / Sustainable
<b>Soil Type</b>	Red, Rocky Basalt
<b>Vine Age</b>	22-years-old
<b>Fermentation</b>	Native - 100% whole cluster
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Three Weeks
<b>Aging</b>	12 months in 228mL Laurent Burgundy pièce (67% seasoned - 25% third passage - 8% new)
<b>Alcohol</b>	12.5%
<b>Production</b>	275 cases

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## THE PRESS

None