



JOSHUA COOPER 'STRAWS LANE VINEYARD' PINOT NOIR

MACEDON RANGES – VICTORIA



THE WINE

The Straws Lane Vineyard was established in 1987 by Clive Rowe, and planted predominantly to Pinot Noir, it is now tended by the meticulous Elizabeth Hudsbeth and Alex Stevenson. Straws Lane is situated at 2,800 feet above sea level on the north face of Mount Macedon in red volcanic mountain loam, the vines overlook the southern side of the Cobaw Ranges, often from up in the clouds. The latest ripening site in the region, this vineyard provides small crops of thick skinned and intensely flavored grapes at especially low sugar levels. Once hand harvested in the cool of morning, with careful sorting in the vineyard, 50% was transferred as whole cluster to a single open fermenter, the remainder gently de-stemmed and placed on top. 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, is transferred to a single new (Laurent "Magic Cask" thick stave, blonde toast) and four old (6-10-year-old) oak Burgundian pièce for lees aging for 12 months, followed by six months in stainless steel on fine lees. The wine is lightly raked and bottled unfinned and unfiltered with the only addition to the wine being a small dose of sulfur the week before bottling.

Bright, light ruby. The altitude and marginality of this site are immediately apparent. Incredibly perfumed and transparent, with exotic spices, pepper, poached strawberry and red current. The palate is bony and acid etched, framed by silky tannin. A wine to contemplate as it builds weight and depth with air and time in the glass.

THE STATS

Vintage	2017
Grapes	100% Pinot Noir
Viticulture	Lutte Raisonée / Sustainable
Soil Type	Red Volcanic Loam
Vine Age	30-years-old
Fermentation	Native - 50% whole cluster
Skin Contact	Three Weeks
Aging	12 months in four old Burgundy pièce and one new Laurent 228mL pièce
Alcohol	12%
Production	125 cases

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None