

# EVENING STAR PINOT NOIR 2007

## **BACKGROUND**

The ship Evening Star docked at Port Phillip Harbour in February 1856 carrying Mr David Pettavel's family and friends destined for the expanding vineyards of Geelong. Recruited in Switzerland and accompanied on the voyage by Mr Pettavel, these early pioneers were pivotal in the expansion of viticulture and winemaking in the Geelong region.

The Evening Star range is focused on vibrant and expressive Geelong fruit characters, round palate structure and youthful accessibility. The wines are all released ready to drink and are great accompaniments to a wide range of foods.

## **PRODUCTION NOTES**

The southern most section of our Strathmore vineyard is planted on deep self mulching black clay over limestone and this deep soil produced a moderate crop of fully ripe Pinot Noir in 2007 despite the extremely dry conditions. The medium sized full bunches were full of vibrant fruit flavours, with subtle ripe tannins and a balanced acid structure.

The fully ripe Pinot Noir bunches were harvested, destemmed without crushing and transferred to 5 tonne open fermenters for maceration and fermentation. A number of small ferments were produced, utilising a range of techniques, with the intention of building complexity, while retaining the maximum amount of youthful fruit character.

After pressing 50 percent of the wine was transferred to french oak barrels and hogsheads for malo-lactic fermentation and 10 months maturation prior to blending and bottling in February 2008. The wine was then bottle matured for six weeks prior to release.

## **WINE DESCRIPTION**

Produced with immediate consumption in mind the 2007 Evening Star Pinot Noir is bursting with upfront youthful fruit characters including cherry, red currant and plum with hints of fragrant spice. The rounded medium weight palate displays a range of vibrant red fruit and subtle oak characters, finishing with smooth lingering fruit tannins and crisp fruit flavours. Enjoy immediately with a subtle food flavours.

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**Alcohol:** 13.5% VOL

**pH:** 3.88

**Total Acid:** 6.20 g/L Tartaric

**Residual Sugar:** 1.80 g/L

**Bottle Size:** 750ml

**Bottle Type:** Punted Burgundy - Antique Green

**Closure Type:** Screw Cap

**Carton Size:** 12 x 750ml Vertical

**EAN Bottle Barcode:** 9331294000553

**EAN Carton Barcode:** 9331294000560

**UCC Bottle Barcode:** 876489000158

**SPC Carton Barcode:** 08764890000145

