

# 2019 10X Pinot Noir

## Our Thoughts

Easily the prettiest 10X Pinot in some years, this entree to the Ten Minutes by Tractor Pinot range is a very likeable wine. It's round and red-fruited through the mid palate, every bit the classic, generous Mornington Pinot, yet with subtle mushroom nuances and a flutter of compact, but real tannins.

## Vintage Comment

Lower than average rainfall and relatively standard temperatures over winter, and cooler temperatures in August and September, led to late budburst (our second latest) and flowering. However, above average temperatures and low rainfall during summer meant an early veraison and harvest. The period between flowering and veraison saw our warmest ever average minimum and second warmest maximums. Veraison to harvest was our fourth warmest maximums and our driest (47mm v 136mm average). Five days of above average temperatures at the beginning of harvest compressed the vintage further. Yields are normal and fruit quality is outstanding.

## Harvest Date

Hand picked 27 February-19 March 2019

## Winemaking

- 5% whole bunch with destemmed portion all whole berries
- transferred to transferred to 5 tonne concrete tanks for fermentation
- following pressing, the wine was transferred to 11% new 228 litre French oak barrels for 10 months
- Natural 100% malolactic fermentation before bottling unfinned and filtered



## Alcohol

13.5% (8.0 standard drinks/750ml bottle)

## Food Pairing

Pork chops with apple sauce:: serve at 13–16°C

## Best Drinking

2020-2028

## Your Thoughts

