

SARFIELD ESTATE 2009 PINOT NOIR

Vineyard

Sarsfield Estate Vineyard is located in the Lakes and Wilderness area of East Gippsland, Victoria. Vines and crop levels are carefully managed to produce grapes of the highest quality.

Vintage

A very dry and warm spring was followed by good rain in early summer. January was very hot and dry with 40 and up to 46°C recorded every week, and rainfall from January till March only 40% of our average. Exposed grapes shrivelled and fell off and we lost about 10% of the crop. Vintage started on the 15 of March with all grapes showing concentrated flavours.

Overall 2009 was one of the best years in terms of grape quality.

Winemaking

Fermented in small batches, hand plunged and pressed in a traditional basket press. The wine is matured in French oak barriques for 15 months and bottled unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.1%, TA: 6.7 g/L, pH: 3.51

Tasting Notes

This is a soft, velvety Pinot of great richness and depth of flavour. Look for deep, dark berries, especially blackberry and mulberry, with surprising glimmers of raspberry. A slightly savoury fringe of black olives and cigar box add complexity to the primary flavours, and lovely French oak complements the fruit. Enjoy the long, clean finish.

Best Drinking

2011 – 2014

Reviews

Gold medal winner at the international Mondial du Pinot Noir 2010.



94/100 James Halliday
Wine Companion 2012

