

TOLPUDDLE VINEYARD

COAL RIVER VALLEY

In Tasmania's south-east, the Coal River Valley's climate is extreme for viticulture. Rainfall is low, with approximately 500mm per year. This cool but dry climate allows grapes to ripen slowly without disease pressure, resulting in grapes of great aromatic intensity.

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Planted in 1988 to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, the vineyard is on a gentle north-east facing slope. The soil is light silica sands over sandstone, and of moderate vigour, ensuring wellbalanced vines.

2023 PINOT NOIR

2023 VINTAGE

Our coolest season on record. Slightly unsettled flowering thanks to a wetter than average spring resulted in mild 'Hen and Chicken', giving a combination of small and normal sized berries, and much lighter bunches than normal.

Low yields benefitted from drier conditions for the remainder of the ripening period, ensuring fruit was harvested in pristine condition.

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Intensely aromatic, a darker fruit spectrum and complex savoury spice is interwoven seamlessly with firm, structural tannin. Fruit density and depth of flavour reflect the cool season. This wine is not without the bright, aromatic freshness we expect from cool climate Pinot Noir.

All hand-picked fruit is fermented as a combination of whole berries and whole bunches, in open wooden and stainless fermenters, with gentle plunging. Aged for 10 months in French oak, of which about one third was new.

Ideal serving temperature: 16-18°C

Will repay careful cellaring for up to 12 years.

