

MARCHAND & BURCH



FINE WINES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND BURGUNDY

2024 MARCHAND & BURCH MOUNT BARROW PINOT NOIR

WINE NOTES

A translucent ruby in the glass, this Pinot Noir opens with lifted aromas of cherry, cranberry and rose petal. Hints of rooibos, soft spice and earthy undertones add quiet complexity as the wine unfolds. The palate is finely structured and supple, with red fruit at the forefront—pomegranate, raspberry and plum—layered over subtle herbal notes and gentle oak spice. Acidity brings freshness and drive, while silky tannins give shape to a long, even finish. Elegant and expressive, this 2024 release reflects the nuance and clarity that continue to emerge from the Mount Barrow vineyard.

VINTAGE 2024

The 2024 vintage was early, compressed and fast-paced. The cool, wet 2023 winter weather disappeared quickly and was replaced by a dry, warm spring. Above-average temperatures and almost no rainfall led to early budburst and perfect growing conditions for vines. Canopy growth was good, flowering occurred early and went through quickly, leading to early veraison in all varieties. In late December, colour could be seen in Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz, pointing to a very early vintage, and January saw a continuation of the dry conditions.

2024 was also a vintage with abundant marri blossom, known as a “mast year”, and there was little to no grape loss due to the native silvereye birds. This usually occurs every four years or so, as it takes the trees time to muster sufficient resources to produce a massive flowering.

Harvest began in mid-January, four weeks earlier than usual. Fruit continued to ripen rapidly and early attention to detail in the vineyard paid dividends. Picking dates needed careful consideration to ensure physiological maturity with vibrancy of fruit expression, and the narrow windows of opportunity to harvest required skilful scheduling of vineyard and winery teams.

All varieties reached full maturity earlier than we are used to, and lower yields in some varieties and vineyards led to a concentration of aromas and flavours. This bodes well for some superb quality wines from 2024 in both Margaret River and Great Southern.

VINEYARDS

The Marchand & Burch Pinot Noir is sourced from the Mount Barrow vineyard located in the eastern, elevated end of the Mount Barker sub-region. Planting commenced in 2005 and is dedicated to growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay for still and sparkling wine. The unique attributes of this site include an elevation of 380m and a panorama of vineyard aspects from north to south facing. Soils are some of the most ancient on the planet and as such are shallow, relatively infertile and of light structure. Planted to clones 114 and 115, the E, F and J blocks sit on a warm south east facing slope, which is protected from the coldest airflows. Specialty Pinot Noir clones that have been imported from Burgundy are showing much promise as they offer significant depth, flavour, and complexity to the wine. As more plantings come into production they are becoming a substantial proportion of the final blend.

WINEMAKING

All batches are handpicked and cooled in vented crates beforehand sorting and destemming to small rectangular open fermenters. Approximately 15 to 20% of whole bunches are included in select fermenters. Gentle pneumatic plunging and careful application of air throughout the fermentation allows for optimum extraction of flavour, colour and tannin. Parcels are pressed based on sugar dryness, optimum extraction levels, and flavours. The resulting wine is run down to French oak: 75% barriques (228L) and 25% puncheons (500L) ~ 25% is new. The separate parcels are matured on lees, in the oak for 6 to 9 months before settling in tank. After blending, the wine receives minimal fining and light filtration just prior to bottling.



TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol 13.5 % v.v
Acidity 5.84 g/l
Residual sugar 0.48 g/l
pH 3.54

CELLARING

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