

2017 Prancing Horse Estate **The Pony Pinot Noir**

Winemakers: Richard McIntyre and Jeremy Magyar (Moorooduc Estate)

Classic red-fruited pinot noir of wild strawberries and red-cherry characters, highlighted by floral and tea notes. The palate shows savoury acidity and fine tannins typical of the Red Hill zone.

What do you believe typifies your pinot? Pinot noir is a great conduit of where it is grown. Our biodynamic vineyard is farmed to provide an amplified sense of place. We look for classic 'up-hill' Mornington characters: bright, fresh and red fruited.

How should we be enjoying this wine? The Pony is our 'by the glass' range. The wine shows great compatibility with a variety of cuisines, with particularly great compatibility to roasted free-range pork.

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2016 Riposte **The Sabre Pinot Noir**

Winemaker: Tim Knappstein

Power with finesse. The 2016 Sabre Pinot Noir layers cuts of dark cherry and forest berries with subtle spice notes on the nose.

What do you look for in the pinot noir you produce? I aim for complex, multi clonal wines with a focus on richness, weight and mouthfeel, as well as bright pinot aromas. Oak is part of the whole, but should not dominate

Which dishes do you think best showcase this wine? Move on from the traditional duck and pinot combination, and try this extremely versatile wine with chicken, lamb, pork or any strong-flavoured fish. For spicy Asian food, find a pinot without oak, such as The Dagger. This is a far better match.

\$35, timknappstein.com.au

2017 Stefani Estate The View **Yarra Valley Pinot Noir**

Winemaker: Peter Mackey

This wine is light red in colour, displaying notes of wild cherries, wet coal and Christmas pudding. The palate is seamless with rich fruit and integrated tannins.

How does this growing site impact the wine? The View vineyard is about 350m above sea level and enables the fruit to grow in cool climate conditions. Hence we aim to develop a pinot with an elegance similar to Old World French Burgundy, with rich and complex characteristics.

How do you like to serve this wine? We enjoy drinking our pinot noir with slowcooked goat or venison. It pairs beautifully with fresh goat's cheese and pear, giving an explosion of flavours on the palate.

\$65, stefaniestatewines.com.au