



# MOUNT MORIAC WINES

## *Geelong*

### 2024 Single Vineyard Pinot Noir

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**About:** Mount Moriac Wines was established in 1998. In 2024 it was purchased by local family, the O'Brien's, with the aim of producing outstanding cool climate wines, that reflect our unique site in the Surf Coast, one of Geelong's unheralded sub districts.

**Winemaker:** Alex Byrne

**Vineyards:** Mount Moriac comprises of 44 acres of single estate vineyards on the south west shoulder of Mt Moriac, an old volcano 18kms west of the centre of Geelong. Our two defining features are our soil profiles (Barrabool Ranges & sandy elements both over volcanic basalt) and the prevailing weather that comes from the Southern Ocean across the Otway Ranges. We are growing vines in true cool climate conditions.

**Season:** The growing season for the 2024 vintage commenced with average rainfall in spring of 2023, followed by a long dry period that lasted after harvest. Early & mid summer were relatively mild but March brought hot conditions that ripened all our Pinot Noir blocks quickly. All of our Pinot Noir was picked by the 20<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Vinification:** We hand picked each of our 5 Pinot blocks and each of the 3 clones and kept them separate for their initial fermentation. All 7 ferments had 20% whole bunches left in them and we then moved the wines into 15% new French oak for 12 months with the remainder seeing the same time in 1, 2 & 3 year old barrels.

**Style:** Deep burgundy in colour, our 2024 Pinot Noir has a complex bouquet of red fruits, earthiness & hints spice and oak. The palate is medium in weight with a soft & round mouthfeel. Flavours generally mirror the nose with those bright red fruits & spice being the highlight.

**Serve:** Fantastic with game dishes but is equally at home with red meat based pastas.

**Cellar Potential:** Due to careful winemaking and some outstanding oak our 2024 Single Vineyard Pinot Noir will benefit greatly from up to 7 years in your cellar. It is a great drink now but it's real drinking window will be 2026 through to 2031.