

# THE MASTER'S NOSE CLUB

*"One of the greatest small  
producers in Australia"*



# BINDI

Bindi Wines  
Macedon Ranges, Victoria, Australia

## IN THE VINEYARDS

Bindi is widely acknowledged as being one of Australia's best small producers. It is situated at around 500m altitude in the cool climate Macedon Ranges, about an hour's drive north of Melbourne. The winery is truly "boutique", even by Burgundian standards, with only 7 hectares of vines, of which 5 hectares are planted with Pinot Noir and 2 hectares with Chardonnay. Total production is never higher than 3,000 cases per vintage.



The property was originally purchased by the Dhillon family in 1956 as a sheep farm, but in 1988 they decided to plant vines on it. It is very isolated and difficult to find; there is no cellar door, and even the name plaque on the entrance gate is unreadable! Like many of the best things in life, you really have to seek Bindi out!



The vines are tended organically and biodynamically to optimise soil life and the long term health of the vines, although the winery has no desire to be certified as organic. What makes Bindi special are its unique soils – an infertile mix of shattered quartz and volcanic topsoil over a bed of clay and sandstone – and the very high density planting of its vines, with up to 11,300 vines planted per hectare. This is typical of Burgundy but rarely found elsewhere.

The resulting grapes produce some of the very finest renditions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in all Australia!

## IN THE WINERY

All Bindi's wines are made as "naturally" as possible, using only indigenous, wild yeasts for the fermentation. The reds are fermented in small, open-topped vats, whilst the whites ferment in barrel. All wines are left to age for 11 months on their yeast lees in 10 – 20% new French oak barrels. They are bottled with no fining and minimum filtration. The overriding goal is to capture the individual expression of each terroir in the wines.



## ABOUT THE WINEMAKER

Bindi is owned and managed by Michael Dhillon, one of Australia's most accomplished, perceptive and thoughtful winemakers. Michael has worked at Bindi from its very beginnings in 1988. He is fascinated by the finest "terroir" wines of France and Italy and over the years has worked and visited extensively in Burgundy and the Northern Rhone.

## PRESS AND AWARDS

Bindi's wines regularly receive excellent reviews from Jancis Robinson MW and The Wine Advocate, but James Halliday, Australia's best-respected wine critic, sums their wines up perfectly in his 2020 Wine Companion:

"One of the icons of Macedon. The Chardonnay is top shelf, the Pinot Noir as remarkable as Bass Phillip, Giaconda or any of the other tiny-production icon wines. The addition of Heathcote-sourced Shiraz under the Pyrette label confirms Bindi as one of the greatest small producers in Australia."

# ABOUT THE WINES



## **Kostas Rind Chardonnay 2019, Macedon Ranges, Victoria (2 bottles)**

This fresh, intense, mineral Chardonnay comes from a small plot (1.5 hectares) of 32 year old vines planted on volcanic soils. It has gentle aromas and flavours of orange blossom, nectarine stone, spice and cashew nuts with vibrant, tight, very fine acidity and long length. Around 750 cases were produced. Just starting to drink now, this will open up and gain in complexity over the next 5 years and then drink beautifully until 2035.

*Serve with pan-fried white fish fillets, calamari, or oysters.*

The 2019 vintage has not yet been rated but the 2017 vintage was awarded 95pts by Australian wine guru James Halliday in his 2020 Wine Companion.



## **Dixon Pinot Noir 2019, Macedon Ranges, Victoria (2 bottles)**

This Pinot Noir comes from vines planted in 1988 and 2001 and has impressive depth of red and black cherry and berry fruit flavours. It is still on the young side, but, given a little time to open up in the glass, starts to reveal additional layers of floral, spice and undergrowth/forest floor flavours. It is beautifully fresh and elegant with silky smooth tannins. Around 600 cases were produced. Drink 2021 – 2035.

*Serve with spiced duck breast, Asian-style.*

The 2019 vintage has not yet been rated but the 2017 vintage was awarded 97pts by James Halliday in his 2020 Wine Companion.



## **Pyrette Shiraz 2018, Heathcote, Victoria (2 bottles)**

This Shiraz was sourced from a vineyard Bindi has worked with since 2001 in the cool, high altitude (by Australian standards) neighbouring Heathcote wine region. It is fresh, with beautifully complex flavours of red and dark berries, plum and spice. The tannins are silky and fine and the overriding impression is one of elegance, balance and harmony. This is clearly a Pinot Noir winemaker's Shiraz! 650 cases were produced. Drink now – 2029.

*Serve with grilled lamb and Mediterranean vegetables.*

The 2018 vintage has not yet been rated but the 2017 vintage was awarded 95pts by James Halliday in his 2020 Wine Companion.