

Yarra Valley

# WISE GUYS

“Never rat on your friends and always keep your mouth shut.”

This small batch project by a self-confessed group of Wise Guys is the result of late nights, long hours and plenty of beer. Our passion lies in a minimalistic approach to winemaking creating wine styles true to their region and variety.

## The Info

Blend	100% Pinot Noir
Region	Yarra Valley, VIC
Alcohol	13.5%
Harvest	Handpicked, late Feb 2016
Drink	Now, or cellar 3-5 years

## The Vintage

A dry winter and spring, with record warmth in October, saw the vines leap out of the starting blocks and race to another very early harvest. The effect of this weather forced an acceleration of ripening but also a retention of fresh acidity due to the cool nights. It's not surprising then to see ripe, generous characters on the 2016 wines. It was an exceptionally compressed harvest.

## The winemaking

Fruit was de-stemmed, leaving as many whole berries as possible. Cold soaked for two days in open pot fermenters, plunged twice daily for two weeks until completion of fermentation. Matured in French Oak for 10 months.

## The Wine

Medium bodied with bright notes of strawberry and cherry with complex hints of spice and earthy tannin. Silky with good length.

## The Food

Bring it along to your favourite Peking duck restaurant, or cook up a batch of homemade wild mushroom, pan fried gnocchi.

