

# rada

## 2023 TASMANIA



### Vineyard

The Pinot Meunier for this seventh release of the Rada Pinot Meunier/Pinot Noir is sourced from the Piper's Brook region in the north-east of the island. Meunier is a clonal mutation of Pinot Noir and is recognised viticulturally for its delicate web of white hairs on the underside of its leaves – resembling a fine dusting of flour (Meunier is French for miller). The Pinot Noir comes from two Coal River Valley vineyards, one just outside of Richmond and the other a vineyard located at Tea Tree.

### Vintage

The ongoing La Nina conditions of the last few years delivered some solid rainfall during the winter months which continued through spring. Budburst was delayed until late-September, and the wet conditions slowed things down considerably with flowering particularly prolonged this year, stretching through December. Canopy growth was vigorous when it started to warm up and meant lots of hours shoot thinning and leaf plucking to open up the canopy and reduce disease pressure. The start of the new year saw things fine up considerably; and January and February were dry and warm, continuing through Autumn until a cold snap at Easter.

### Tasting Notes

Savoury and lifted on the nose, rosehip and hibiscus flower notes are married with some earthy mushroom characters. Wild strawberry fruit and a creamy texture fill out the mid palate, which continues onto fine grained tannin and a crunchy cherry pip acidity at the finish.

### Rada Penfold

Rada Penfold of the eponymous Penfold family in the 1970s 'was involved in public relations for the company and wrote a wine column (a relatively new phenomenon) for the Sydney Morning Herald, ostensibly aimed at encouraging consumers to drink more table wine... Ever the party-throwing socialite, Rada Penfold-Collins (as she became known after her marriage) approached Penfolds winemaker Max Schubert and asked him to create a new wine for an important party. He and his team came up with a sparkling blue wine and it was such a hit at the party that Rada (who had a seat on the board) suggested it be made commercially.' *Jeni Port - Crushed by Women*

### Artwork

The artwork for the Rada label was commissioned from talented Hobart artist Kate Piekutowski: [www.katepiekutowskiartwork.com](http://www.katepiekutowskiartwork.com)

### Technical Information

- The Pinot Meunier and one of the Pinot Noir blocks were harvested on 3 April 2023 at 12.2 baumé, while the remainder of the Pinot Noir was harvested on 20 April 2023 at 12.7 baumé.
- Ninety per cent of the fruit was destemmed, with the remainder left as whole bunches; 40% of the Pinot Noir was co-fermented with the Meunier.
- Cold soaked for three days prior to being warmed up for wild ferment (by indigenous yeasts) which lasted for about seven days prior to being pressed to tank.
- Racked off gross lees to older Francois Freres and Ermitage French oak puncheons the next day.
- Five months in oak on fine lees prior to preparing for bottling.
- Final blend: 51% Pinot Meunier, 49% Pinot Noir
- Bottled 4 October 2023: 12.4% alc., 3.45pH, 6g/L TA

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