

## Timo Mayer Closed Planted Pinot Noir Yarra Valley Australia 2021

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### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2021

**GRAPE** Pinot Noir

**GEOGRAPHY** Not Europe

**COUNTRY** Australia

**LARGER REGION** Victoria

**SMALLER REGION** Port Phillip

**SUB REGION** Yarra Valley

### Rationale

The Yarra Valley is a well-respected Australian wine region that occupies the eastern half of the Port Phillip viticultural zone in the diminutive state of Victoria. At complete odds with the usual hot and dry Shiraz-growing image of Australia, Yarra Valley is best known for its bright, complex wines made from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

Comparisons between the Yarra Valley and Burgundy are not surprising, not only because of their preferred grape varieties but also because they share a cool climate and undulating topography – interrupted by escarpments and ridges. The Yarra Ridge, in particular, bears more than a passing resemblance to a mini Cote d'Or, and it is at the eastern foot of the slopes that some of the oldest and most prestigious Yarra wineries are located. Yarra's Pinot Noirs are known for their aromatic and mineral qualities and medium-bodied structure. Yarra Valley Pinot Noir has flavors of red fruit, tart raspberries, and a touch of spice. They are equally known for their soft, velvety tannins and bright, refreshing acidity.

Timo and his wife, Rhonda, planted a small vineyard on a slope, which they named Bloody Hill 'because it was bloody steep!'. Timo, whose passion for life and wine is contagious, grew up in Germany, where his family has been making wine for over 400 years. He moved to Australia and studied winemaking at Wagga Wagga before working at De Bortoli and Gembrook in the Yarra Valley and establishing Mayer Wines in 2000.

### Sight

**BRIGHTNESS** Day Bright

**CLARITY** Clear

**COLOR DEPTH** Light

**COLOR** Garnet

**RIM VARIATION** Pink  
*Stained Tears: None*

### Structure

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry

**ACID** Med+

**ALCOHOL** Medium

**TANNIN** Medium

**TEXTURE** Lean / Tart

**FINISH** Long

**COMPLEXITY** High

### Aroma & Taste

**RED FRUIT** Pomegranate • Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry • Strawberry  
*Condition: Ripe, Fresh*

**BLACK FRUIT** Black Raspberry • Black Cherry • Blackberry *Condition: Fresh*

**CITRUS FRUIT** Orange • Tangerine *Condition: Fresh Part: Peel / Zest*

**FLORAL** Jasmine • Hibiscus *Condition: Fresh*

**OTHER VEGETABLE** Rhubarb • Peppers (Red/Yellow)

**HERBAL** Chamomile • Mint / Eucalyptus

**OTHER SPICES** Licorice (Red) • Sassafras • Star Anise

**ORGANIC EARTH** Forest Floor

**INORGANIC EARTH** Mineral / Rock

**OAK AGING** Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*

**OAK INFLUENCE** Neutral / Large Oak

**OXIDATION/NUTTINESS** Almond / Marzipan • Pistachio

**PERCEIVED WINEMAKING CHOICES** Partial / Whole Cluster