

Innocent Bystander Yarra Valley Pinot Noir

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: Australia

REGION: Victoria

APPELLATION: Yarra Valley

WINEMAKING: 100% handpicked Pinot Noir. De-stemmed to open-top fermenters, leaving 10% whole bunches. A four-day cold soak was followed by fermentation with indigenous yeast strains. Both gentle plunging and 'drain and returns' by gravity were applied daily to the fermenters. The wine was matured in seasoned French oak for nine months. Indigenous malolactic fermentation occurred spontaneously at the end of autumn. No filtration at bottling.

THE STORY

Innocent Bystander is a privately owned, estate based wine grower and winemaker in the Yarra Valley, one hour east of Melbourne. First released in 2003, Innocent Bystander is forever expanding its horizons to craft wines reflecting the purest interpretation of style available. This means, where necessary, exploring different regions to find the highest quality fruit available for each wine they produce. That is why they choose the Yarra Valley for Pinot Gris; go to the Swan Hill for Moscato; and across the Tasman to Marlborough for Sauvignon Blanc.

