



Pooley Wines

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Coal River, TAS



POOLEY WINES has an historical property and two separate vineyards in the Coal River Valley in southern Tasmania. The Coal River Valley has developed a worldwide reputation, and is ideally suited, for the production of cool-climate wines such as Pinot Noir, Riesling and Chardonnay. Members of the Pooley family have been actively involved in the business for three generations. Their longstanding passion and commitment to fine wine are your assurance of uncompromising quality.

Pooley Wines was established in 1985 when the late Denis and Margaret Pooley planted ten rows of Riesling and seven rows of Pinot Noir on their 16-hectare farm at Coinda Vale in the Coal River Valley in southern Tasmania.

In 2003, John Pooley, son of Denis and Margaret, and his wife Libby bought Belmont Lodge, a heritage-listed Georgian home on the outskirts of Richmond. They have been lovingly renovating this second Pooley Wines Coal River Valley property, and have planted vines on nearby Butchers Hill. In 2007 the first vintage of Pinot was produced from this steep vineyard site that overlooks the township of Richmond.



2017 Riesling

"Heady, seductive and enticing! This wine takes you on a sensory journey. White blossom perfume of gardenia and jasmine dominate the nose whilst grapefruit, lavender and lime zest coat the palate. The texture of the wine commands another sip with the softness from the yeast influence dancing on a fine line with the natural 'cool climate' acid line. Enjoyable now but also rewards with patience!" Anna Pooley-winemaker

2015 Margaret Pooley Tribute Riesling

SOLD OUT

"An ideal Riesling vintage sees a return to the Family Reserve range of the much loved Margaret Pooley Tribute. Much like Margaret herself, this wine has poise, class, and a strength and intensity that will be remembered. Pure, restrained and classic in every sense with incredible citrus intensity on the nose and palate as well as balance and texture. Excellent cellaring potential." Anna Pooley-winemaker

2017 Pinot Grigio

Exclusively sourced from the family vineyards in Richmond and Campania, Coal River Valley. Hand harvested on the 3rd and 9th of April the wine is cool fermented, oxidatively handled with extended lees contact. *"Made in the Italian style this is a classic aromatic and crisp Pinot Grigio. The fruit was picked early in the season when the flavours, sugar and acid were lively and balanced. The aromas are uncharacteristically expressive and distinct with notes of green pear, nectarine, guava, peach and spice. The palate is no less expressive with softness and delicacy in mouth feel and great length of flavour. Pears and peach again coming to the fore but loaded with lots of spice characters including cinnamon and nutmeg. There is a generosity of weight on the mid palate from the residual sugar which yields the rich fruit flavours this is pulled firm by the natural acid line and finishes dry with a nice phenolic grip."* Anna Pooley-winemaker

2016 Gewurztraminer

All fruit sourced from the Coal River and Tamar Valley. Hand harvested on the 3rd and 9th of April the wine is cool fermented with extended lees contact and remains unfined. *"This is a dry, full bodied and incredibly expressive example of Gewurztraminer mad in the vein of those from Alsace. Perfume, perfume and more perfume – with notes of rose oil, red apple, Turkish delight, bergamot, persimmon, cardamom and cinnamon quill - this wine is sure to entice. On the palate the flavours as replicated however come to new life with the introduction of phenolics, glycerol and supportive acid. Soft, textured and velvety but with a crisp, pure finish that pulls it back into line!"* Anna Pooley-winemaker

COOINDA VALE (Campania)

Established in 1985 in the northern part of the Coal River Valley, the Cooinda Vale vineyard is ideally positioned facing northeast overlooking the Coal River in southern Tasmania. On the 43.5 Latitude line, the vineyard is planted on northeast facing slopes at 130m above sea level. This is a unique microclimatic location, being well protected from prevailing winds but still highly influenced by maritime conditions. The long growing season, which can extend into May, with high sunshine hours, predominately winter rainfall and the occasional frost and snow, combine to provide an excellent condition for cool climate grape varieties, such as Pinot Noir, Pinot Grigio, Riesling and Chardonnay. The soils are Brown-Black dermosol sub-soil, high in acid (associated with alluvial plains and river terraces) over decaying sandstone, with friable clay subsoil. Because of the sloping aspect, the drainage is excellent.



BUTCHERS HILL VINEYARD (Richmond)

A new vineyard has been established on the Belmont Estate, planted in 2003, allowing us to expand production of our quality wines. The block is on the side of Butchers Hill facing north and captures the sun all day. The soils are well drained dolomite with limestone under-layer, high in pH.



2016 Butchers Hill Chardonnay

STRICTLY LIMITED

Pooley Butchers Hill Chardonnay is from the Belmont vineyard, Richmond, adjacent to the cellar door. This is the tenth vintage from this vineyard. The Butchers Hill Chardonnays show more structure and finesse at this early stage for the vineyard.

“Smoke, caramel, white peach and oatmeal. Light bodied, a silky gloss and lustre to its carriage, but grapefruity and flinty too. It’s not explosive like the Cooinda, more calm and relaxed, and without the length of its sibling, though it’s certainly a delicious glass of Chardonnay and fine drinking from front to back. 93” Winefront July 2017

2016 Cooinda Vale Chardonnay

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A single vineyard Chardonnay from our Campania vineyard established in 1985. This wine is handpicked and whole-bunch pressed for a portion using partially indigenous yeast.

“Woah. Smoking. And quite smoky too, with spent fireworks, white peach and white flowers, fine biscuity oak, perhaps a little fennel perfume too. It’s tight and flinty, complex and bursting with energy, almost skittish as it races towards an incredibly long and deft finish. Citrus, lime rind and struck match in the aftertaste, and almond. And I really like almond in my Chardonnay, I have to say. One hell of a wine. 96” Winefront September 2017

2016 Cooinda Vale J.R.D. Syrah

STRICTLY LIMITED

A single vineyard Syrah from our Campania vineyard these vines planted in 1999. This wine is handpicked and whole-bunch fermented, aged in 500l puncheon.

“At last, a great expression of Shiraz from Tasmania. It’s medium bodied, beautifully ripe, with rosy perfume, raspberries and a healthy dash of black pepper. There’s a blackberry succulence too, a little dried herb, cool lacy acidity and fine sandy/white peppery tannin, all just so. The finish is long, red fruited in the main, and meaty and peppery. Almost Pinot-like in its expression of site, aside from the meat and pepper thing. Lovely. Pure and vital.”

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2016 Pooley Pinot Noir

This wine was hand harvested with the inclusion of a small percentage of whole clusters during fermentation. It has been matured in older French Oak barriques and is bottled unfined. The fruit comes for this wine this year comes from the nearby Clarence House vineyards (whose wines are made at Pooley) just over the hill below Mount Rumney. *“Dry spices, twigs and aniseed, strawberry and cherry, with a little sweet oak on top. Medium bodied, autumnal and spicy, yet sweetly red fruited with it. There’s a sappy freshness to the acidity, and fine grainy persistence to the tannin too, and while it feels like its not quite ready to drink yet, the pleasure is still there. Finish is long, slightly smoky, and spicy with it. Lovely. 93+”* Winefront July 2017

2016 Cooida Vale Pinot Noir **STRICTLY LIMITED**

A single vineyard Pinot Noir from our Campania vineyard established in 1985. This wine is handpicked and open fermented, partially indigenous. *“Red fruits, cherry, almond and ginger biscuits, scrub herb and floral perfume. Medium bodied, pure and light on its feet, fine acidity, spicy red fruits, and again that biscuit sweetness, but tempered with a gentle drag of ultra-fine tannin, and that pure acidity ringing out on the finish. Classy. Warmer vintage, but retains verity of site and style. Wonderful. 95.”* Winefront October 2017

2016 Butchers Hill Pinot Noir **SOLD OUT**

Pooley Butchers Hill Pinot Noir is from the Belmont vineyard, Richmond, adjacent to the cellar door. This is the seventh vintage from this vineyard and is bright and lively. The Butchers Hill Pinot Noirs have a softer, earthier character harking back to a more traditional wine style. *“A smoking site for Tasmanian Pinot, I feel. Quality tannin. A distinct ‘mineral feel’ to the wines. Cherry, ripe raspberry, dried herb perfume, almost a liquorice thing going on, plus discreet and well-integrated oak. Medium bodied at best, cool acidity, fine pumice stone tannin, that subtly earthy mineral thing, and succulence and flavour on a satisfying finish. Lovely stuff. Lacks a little depth, perhaps, but makes up for it in other ways. 94”* Winefront October 2017