



**BELVALE**

GIPPSLAND

# 2022 PINOT NOIR

## About Bellvale

Established in 1998, Bellvale Wine is a family-owned business run by principal winemaker and viticulturalist, John Ellis. Situated in the lush Tarwin River valley of South Gippsland, the area is acknowledged as one of Australia's best Pinot-Noir producing regions.

The name, Bellvale, is derived from the Ellis family's rich agricultural heritage, which may be traced back to a farm in Nieuw Amsterdam (the New York area), in the late 1600s. The Bellvale label features two majestic oak trees that grace the centre of its vineyard.

## Vineyard

The fruit for this wine is sourced from Bellvale's non irrigated high density vineyard [7150 plants to the hectare]

## Winemaking

100% destemmed and fermented in open vats. Matured for 12 months in French oak (10% new) before bottling.

## Tasting Note

This classically-styled pinot noir shows upfront raspberry and wild strawberry notes with complex, savoury spices such as clove and anise. Well-proportioned oak frames the background of dense, dark plums, briar and blackberry fruit. The palate is full and balanced, with plenty of polished tannin and an excellent, upright structure carrying a dense core of powerful fruit. The wine builds to a crescendo on the finish, persisting with delicious loganberry and spice flavours. The balanced structure and fine tannins make this an excellent match with a broad range of foods.

