



PROVIDENCE MIGUET RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2010

Appellation: Pipers River; Tasmania

Winemaker: Guy Wagner

Closure: Screwcap

Alcohol: 13.0%



Vineyard

Provence, established in 1956 as La Provence, was the first vineyard planted in Tasmania following the demise of the nineteenth century wine industry. French founder Jean Miguet, who came to Tasmania to work on the Trevallyn dam and power station, named it after his homeland and his choice of site selection has proved impeccable.

Provence Vineyard has been owned and operated by **Stuart Bryce** since 1980

Tasting Notes

The 2010 has a soft palate and a delightful fruit nose complete with violets. The wine is still very young and will develop well with cellaring as the acid base is sufficient to allow that.

The founder's name. "Miguet" is given to wines we believe meet a certain benchmark, which is not necessarily based on show success; rather, it is based upon the condition of the fruit at vintage and successful fault-free vinification that follows.

Viticultural Notes

The essential ingredients in a "Miguet" are that the fruit comes off clean and completely disease-free. Not only that, the season, and management, provide fruit with a very narrow ripening spectrum that results in sugar ripeness and flavour ripeness occurring at the same point in time. Obviously, this will not always be achieved as no two seasons at Providence have ever been sufficiently similar climatically to be called the same.

While the vines are pruned to achieve high levels of fruitfulness, thinning at veraison ensures not only a big reduction (50% - plus) in yield but it guarantees (subject to the vagaries of rainfall) small berries and a high skin/flesh ratio thus enhancing not only the colour but also the depth, complexity and layers of the finished wine.

"Pinot Noir is without doubt the most difficult vinifera variety to produce and is unquestionably the delinquent of our vineyard. Each year, before I start pruning I stand in front of the Pinot block nearest out house and say: "What are you bastards going to do to me this year?!" - Stuart Bryce, Proprietor and grower.

