

TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

PIRRAMIMMA PETIT VERDOT, 2013

BACKGROUND

PIRRAMIMMA WAS FOUNDED BY ALEXANDER CAMPBELL JOHNSTON IN 1892 AND HAS BEEN OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE JOHNSTON FAMILY EVER SINCE. THE JOHNSTON FAMILY ARRIVED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA IN 1839 AND IN 1892 ALEXANDER, THE TENTH OF THIRTEEN CHILDREN, PURCHASED 97 HECTARES OF RICH FARMLAND SOUTHEAST OF THE THEN FLEDGLING VILLAGE OF MCLAREN VALE. HE NAMED HIS LAND PIRRAMIMMA, AN ABORIGINAL PHRASE MEANING "THE MOON AND THE STARS". THE VINEYARD SOILS VARY FROM SANDY, ON THE RISE, TO RICH DARK LOAM ON THE FLAT. OVER 60% OF THE VINEYARDS ARE PLANTED TO PREMIUM RED WINE VARIETIES, INCLUDING SHIRAZ, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, MERLOT AND PETIT VERDOT (FOR AUSTRALIA'S FIRST 100% PETIT VERDOT WINE), WITH CHARDONNAY THE LARGEST SINGLE WHITE GRAPE PLANTING ON THE ESTATE.

JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2008 EDITION - WINERY RATING 4.5 STARS (OUT OF FIVE):

"A LONG-ESTABLISHED, FAMILY-OWNED COMPANY WITH OUTSTANDING VINEYARD RESOURCES. IT IS USING THOSE RESOURCES TO FULL EFFECT, WITH A SERIES OF INTENSE OLD-VINE VARIETALS INCLUDING SEMILLON, SAUVIGNON BLANC, CHARDONNAY, SHIRAZ, GRENACHE, CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND PETIT VERDOT, ALL FASHIONED WITHOUT OVER-EMBELLISHMENT. THERE ARE 2 QUALITY TIERS, BOTH OFFERING EXCELLENT VALUE, THE PACKAGING RECENTLY SIGNIFICANTLY UPGRADED. EXPORTS TO THE UK, THE US AND OTHER MAJOR MARKETS."

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THE NOSE DISPLAYS VIOLETS, BRIARY BLACKBERRY, KIRSCH CHERRIES AND CIGAR BOX OAK, THE POWERFUL CONCENTRATED PALATE EXHIBITS SPICY PLUM, FOREST FLOOR, TANGY CHERRY, HINTS OF MULBERRY AND VANILLA BEAN. THE LONG LINGERING TANNINS AND SUBTLE OAK ARE BEAUTIFULLY BALANCED. A WINE WITH GREAT LENGTH OF FLAVOUR AND A SUSTAINED FINISH.



VINTAGE: 2013

WINERY: PIRRAMIMMA ([HTTP://WWW.PIRRAMIMMA.COM.AU](http://www.pirramimma.com.au))

REGION: MCLAREN VALE

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE NOW IN CONSIGNMENT

CASE QUANTITY: 12 BOTTLES PER CASE

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: OTHER RED WINES (100%)