

The Winery of Good Hope Pinot Noir 2007

This is not a Pinot for those who think good red wine needs to be black, oaky and tannic. It is a fragrant, bright Pinot with wonderful elegance and expressive fruitiness. The successful combination of its earthy, mineral & red berry characters make for a really lovely drinking Pinot, at a very reasonable price. Quite an uncommon combination in these parts...

variety : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir

winery : The Winery of Good Hope

winemaker : Team Effort

wine of origin : Elgin & Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 1.0 g/l pH : 3.56 ta : 5.2 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Two individual vineyard sites were used in producing this wine. The first at altitude on the cool mountain slopes of Elgin, the second on the ocean-facing hilltop of Faure, in the Stellenbosch-Helderberg Appellation, facing directly into the False Bay Atlantic breezes. The vines are all Dijon clones and density, trellising and canopy management conducted in such a manner that the more subtle characters of Pinot could be best expressed. Green harvest thinning was carried-out sufficiently early in the growing cycle, allowing for focused development of a smaller yield (+/- 35hl / ha). Attention was paid to retaining natural acidity and minerality. After a good, cold winter with heavy rainfall, the 2007 vintage was boosted by a heatwave at the beginning of harvest. For the early ripening grapes such as Chenin or Pinot Noir, this was certainly a bonus.

