

Elgin Vintners Pinot Noir 2010

Pure cherry fruit with fragrant background of strawberries and violets. Displays a youthful charm and elegance which will develop complexity with further bottle maturation.

variety : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir

winery : Elgin Vintners

winemaker : Kevin Grant and Gavin Patterson

wine of origin : Elgin

analysis : alc : 13.6 % vol rs : 1.9 g/l pH : 3.52 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

Veritas Wine Awards 2012 - Silver

International Wine Challenge 2012 - Commended

Winemakers Choice - Diamond Award

ageing : Whilst this Pinot Noir drinks exceptionally well now, it will also benefit from a few years in the bottle.

in the vineyard : Within the Elgin Valley Biosphere six growers have jointly formed Elgin Vintners. This allows the members to access outstanding quality grapes from a variety of sites within their ranks. Each of the selected vineyards contributes something unique to the final product.

The 2010 Elgin Vintners Pinot Noir - Fourth edition, as the labelling suggests, is only the fourth time that we have released a Pinot Noir under its cultivar label. Our very first Pinot Noir was never felt to be 'serious' enough and therefore was marketed under the Easy Red label. We chose not to release our 2007 Vintage.

Viticulture

These grapes were harvested at optimum physiological and perfect phenolic ripeness from the lovingly nurtured Pinot Noir vines on Elgin Orchards.

about the harvest: Harvest dates: 18th, 24th and 25th February 2010. This was two - three weeks earlier than 2009 vintage.

in the cellar : This wine is a blend of 65% PN115 and 35% PN777. The grapes were destemmed, not crushed and whole berry fermented. Inoculated with WE372 yeast and primary fermentation of 10 days.

Gently pressed to 225 litre French barrels of which 20% were new and allowed 10 months maturation in oak. The wine was transferred to tank in January 2011 and prepared for bottling.

Bottling date: 13th April 2011

Produced: 7728 litres / 1717 cases (6 x 750ml) produced.

