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Winters Drift Pinot Noir 2014

Colour: Medium depth of ruby tinged with garnet.
Nose: Dark cherry aromas, violets and wood smoke.
Palate: Medium bodied. A fine grip of savoury Pinot Noir tannins and tightly integrated oak complements the bright cherry acidity of the wine. The wine finishes long on a wonderful aroma of delicately smoked cherries.

The combination of medium body, fine tannins and acidity will work well with charcuterie, pates and terrines, as well as to provide a refreshing wine to balance richer dishes based around venison and game birds. Serving: Cool the wine down to 16-18°C before drinking it.



variety : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir
winery : Winters Drift
winemaker : Koen Roose
wine of origin : Elgin
analysis : **alc :** 13.0 % vol **rs :** 4.5 g/l **pH :** 3.53 **ta :** 5.6 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

ageing : The wine will drink well over the next 5 years or more.

in the vineyard :
Viticulturist: Christiaan Cloete
2014 was a very challenging year for red wine making. Rainy periods just before optimum ripeness of the grapes led to sour rot in some bunches and also bigger than normal berries.

Viticulture
The Pinot Noir vineyards have a (cooler) south facing aspect, and are 310m above sea level. Planted with a vine spacing of 2.5m x 1.5m in deep red/yellow soils with high water retention capacity, but very well drained.

Vineyard Information
Planted: 2007
Clone: PN115A
Rootstock: R110

about the harvest: The berries were removed from the stems by hand to get rid of all the sour rot.

in the cellar : We split the grapes into 3 different tanks. This was to enable us to do different actions on each of the 3 components. The must was fermented at higher temperatures to get higher extraction, and minimal cold soak took place. For 11 months the wine was kept in 300 litre first and second fill French oak barrels where 100% natural fermentation took place. Before bottling the wine was filtered to ensure a clean, elegant wine.