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Oak Valley Sounds of Silence Pinot Noir 2016

High up along the foothills of the Groenlandberg in the cool climate of Elgin, grows the ever-so delicate Pinot Noir. This may seem like a gloomy environment but Pinot Noir thrives amongst the sounds of silence.

variety : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir
winery : Oak Valley
winemaker : Adam Mason
wine of origin : Elgin
analysis : **alc :** 13.62 % vol **rs :** 1.5 g/l **pH :** 3.57 **ta :** 5.1 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

High up on the southern slopes of the Groenlandberg mountains lies an isolated vineyard exposed to the elements of our cold climate. Wind whistles through the neighbouring fynbos, the only sound that breaks this eerie silence at altitude. Our Pinot Noir takes comfort in austerity. It thrives on hardship. And it lives alone in the sounds of silence.

in the vineyard : Pinot Noir must be grown on the knife edge between ripe and under ripe. The key factor is temperature that the cool Elgin Valley provides. In the cellar Pinot is treated like a lady. Gentle maceration and interaction with the skins and allowing her to ferment at cool temperatures and mature beautifully in French oak barrels.

about the harvest: Sweet cherry, violet and rose petal aromas. The palate displays an abundance of fresh cranberry and ripe cherry. These bright red berry characters are offset by beautiful acidity resulting in excellent freshness. The careful use of French oak has led to fine tannins and a light oak spice on the finish.