

Bouchard Finlayson Galpin Peak Pinot Noir 2020

A wine of substance – generously structured for the long haul. Immediately expressive succulent plum, clove and nutmeg. Well defined and concentrated black olive tapenade and cranberry tart flavours, all elegantly packaged around an ever-present kelp-like tannin. Velvety smooth finish.

Pinot Noir always expresses itself best with good food. Avoid any sweetness or too much spice. Enjoy with Emmental cheese, salmon, duck or beef! In fact this wine is not shy to stand up handsomely against most dishes!

variety : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir

winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard

winemaker : Chris Albrecht

wine of origin : Hemel-en-Aarde Valley

analysis : alc : 14.14 % vol rs : 2.3 g/l pH : 3.47 ta : 5.4 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **taste** : Fragrant **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size** : 750ml **closure** : Cork

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ageing : Polished and lingering, it will benefit from ageing.

Pinot Noir is unique as it displays both a delicacy and richness, but it is often quoted as depicting little varietal character of its own - rather expressing the terroir upon which it is grown. Hence, it carries the crown of being the most terroir-expressive of all grape varieties. The Hemel-en-Aarde Valley represents that unique combination of soil and climate that exists in only a handful of places where the exact balance provides the perfect expression of this elusive grape.

about the harvest: Spring 2019 saw ideal weather conditions during flower and fruit set, heightening expectations for the upcoming vintage. However, our hopes were soon challenged by the atypical and unstable weather presented early in the New Year. Fortunately, dry conditions set in as soon as harvest commenced, with the crop remaining healthy. Volumes recovered slightly from the light 2019 vintage and all-round, unexpectedly positive, fruit quality was delivered to the cellar.

in the cellar : The use of whole grape bunches or clusters during fermentation, is a much discussed subject, as it plays a significant role in the general feel, as well as the aromatic composition of the eventual wine. Apart from the intended style, fruit ripeness and health determine the amount included, where 20% of this vintage was not destemmed. Following an average of 21 days on skin, the wines were delicately pressed and barrelled down to French oak for 11months maturation. Bottled in June 2021.

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