

## Bouchard Finlayson Tête De Cuvée Pinot Noir 2021

Medium-deep garnet colour. Aromatically abundant black cherry, rose and strawberry with delicate cinnamon and essential oil adding more nuances. Beautifully integrated oak spice underscores a savoury and classically dense texture. Regal and elegant—builds to lasting complex finish.

Hannibal is a hugely versatile match for a range of dishes, but it works especially well with Indian and other spicy cuisine. Pair it with a Cape Vegetable Biryani, Mauritian sea food Vindaye or simply goats milk cheese served on brioche toast.

**variety** : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir

**winery** : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard

**winemaker** : Chris Albrecht

**wine of origin** : Hemel-en-Aarde Valley

**analysis** : alc : 14.19 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.51 ta : 5.4 g/l

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

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

2023 Tim Atkin SA Special Report - 95 Points

2025 Robert Parker Wine Advocate - 94 points

**ageing** : Best from 2024 through 2034.

The Tête de Cuvée label presents our cameo selection of the top Pinot Noir barrels from any particular vintage. This is our winemakers' opportunity to showcase the very best. 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. 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.

**in the cellar** : A Tête de Cuvée wine is not presented at every vintage—only when the occasionally precarious Hemel-en-Aarde climate allows for perfect Pinot Noir ripening conditions. This bottling is regarded as the most promising wine from the cellar and carries the Bouchard Finlayson flag. The majority of grapes supplied for this cuvee is from the oldest vines on the property, with the average vine age exceeding 22years. The winemaker selects individual barrels to compile the chosen components – in this instance only eight, of which four were new oak. Bottled in July 2022.



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