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Bouchard Finlayson Galpin Peak Pinot Noir 2022

An open and expressive vintage, the wine delivers arresting fragrances of floral and exotic spice aromas. The opulent and rich core underlay vibrant
dried cranberry, black cherry and a burst of plum flavours. Umami detail reappear throughout. Well structured, but smooth as silk, displaying
freshness and energy for an excellent balance. Best from release until 2027.

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.



variety : Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir
winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard
winemaker : Chris Albrecht
wine of origin : Hemel-en-Aarde Valley
analysis : **alc :** 13.58 % vol **rs :** 2.6 g/l **pH :** 3.61 **ta :** 5.4 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

2025 Platter's Wine Guide - 4.5 Stars
2025 Robert Parker Wine Advocate - 91 points

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 the elusive grape

about the harvest: Cold and exceedingly wet conditions occurred during flowering and berry set late in 2021, pushing the onset of the harvest season ever later. The ripening season of January 2022 however, saw some of the hottest and driest conditions that have been recorded over the past seven years; the
rainfall received for this period was atypically low. This allowed for a long, healthy ripening of a concentrated crop. Minimal disease pressure and
dilution resulted in the production of fruit of an outstanding quality, in which full phenolic ripeness and refreshingly low natural sugar accumulation was expressed.

in the cellar : A 9th estate vineyard was the first newcomer in almost a decade, adding a touch of youthful vibrance. Indigenous yeast populations, accompanying
the grapes from the vineyards, now account for 34% of primary fermentation. Sharp focus is placed on the separation of pressing fractions, which are matured apart and mostly not included in the final cuvee. Blended after 11 months maturation in French oak, 28% of which were new. Bottled following 4 months elevage, in May 2023.

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