



BOUCHARD FINLAYSON  
A BOUTIQUE VINEYARD

## TÊTE DE CUVEE 2010

The Tête de Cuvée label presents a selection of our top Pinot Noir barrels from a particular vintage. This is our winemakers' opportunity to showcase the very best of our unique terroir and their winemaking. Pinot Noir is unique as it displays both a delicacy and richness. It is often quoted as a varietal with a character of its own, 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.

### VINTAGE

Essentially this vintage was plagued by "joker" weather conditions: the strongest winds in decades, a warm winter and very dry summer. The crop was overall reduced by 25% against 2009 (a good year).

### VINIFICATION

We adopted the Burgundian model of high density planting with our Pinot Noir vineyard. Close plantings offer greater competition between vines and consequently brighter wines with depth and colour. Fermentation is taking place in stainless steel tanks and then transferred to barrels where secondary malolactic fermentation is performed in French Oak barrels. 12 barrels were chosen for this cuvee. Matured for a total of 10 months with a compliment of 100% new oak.

### TASTING NOTES

A robust, dark and full-bodied wine with real complexity. Rich, with a delicious core of blueberry, wild cherry and fresh fruit flavours. Finishes strongly with loads of ageing potential.

### FOOD PAIRING

Beautifully paired with red meats, truffle dishes, game and cheese.



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### VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

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### WINE OF ORIGIN

Hemel-en-Aarde Valley,  
Walker Bay

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### PRODUCTION

303 cases (12 bottles cases)

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### ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.34%  
Acid: 5.8g/l  
Residual Sugar: 2.4g/l  
pH: 3.65