



BOUCHARD FINLAYSON
A BOUTIQUE VINEYARD

GALPIN PEAK PINOT NOIR 2020

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.

VINTAGE

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.

VINIFICATION

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 11 months maturation. Bottled in June 2021.

TASTING NOTES

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.

FOOD PAIRING

Slow braised pork belly, Emmental & potato gratin with heirloom carrot. Or try the traditional pairing of smoked duck breast and black berry jus. Seared fresh tuna also combines delightfully with this wine.



VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

WINE OF ORIGIN

Estate WO Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay

PRODUCTION

1400 x 12 bottle cases

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.14 vol%
Total Acidity: 5.4 g/l
Residual Sugar: 2.3 g/l
pH: 3.47
Volatile Acidity: 0.66 g/l
Total SO₂: 94 mg/l
Allergens: Sulphites