

BOUCHARD FINLAYSON
A BOUTIQUE VINEYARD



2009
TÊTE DE CUVÉE
TÊTE DE CUVÉE GALPIN PEAK PINOT NOIR

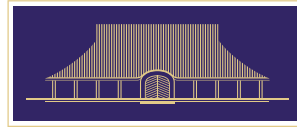
What makes Pinot noir so special is that it displays both a delicacy and richness, but it is often quoted as depicting little varietal character of its own, but rather expressing the terroir upon which it is grown, hence it carries the crown of being the most terroir expressive of all grape varieties.

Tête de Cuvée reflects the winemaker's opportunity to create a blend from a handful of chosen, best barrels in the cellar from a particular vintage. Not every vintage presents suitable quality for this selection.

Vintage 2009 offered a rain free summer with relatively dry conditions which impacted favourably to produce small berried fruit with intense colour and concentration. This resulted in a wine which needs time to develop and promises to be a classic bottling for those who are prepared to wait.

It is a black fruit driven Pinot noir boasting flavours of mulberries, plums and violets and lingers with a nutty fullness and good tannins. Bottle ageing recommended!

Alcohol	14,28 %	Total Acid	6,3 g/l
Residual Sugar	1,9 g/l	Volatile Acid	n/a
pH	3,49		



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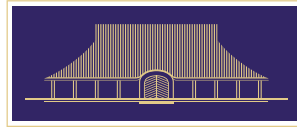
A great vintage from an even year. For some unbeknown reason our best vintages for Galpin Peak Pinot noir production over the last twenty years, have always landed on uneven vintages. Year 2010 is a better of a wine, big and full flavoured.

Some years ago I met up with Joseph Henriot, owner of the Burgundian Negotiant Bouchard Pere et Fils. In discussion over Pinot noir he made the statement that the personality of Pinot noir is such that it offers a great deal of variation from vintage to vintage. Fortunately our climate of generous sunshine flavours a predominantly constant grape quality result. But some vintages have more to offer than others!

This bottling reflects lots of plum and wild berry fruit, under layered by spicy French Oak upholding a gracious and persistent tannin structure. It has a rich core and promises added dimensions over a period of ageing!



Alcohol	14,41 %	Total Acid	5,5 g/l
Residual Sugar	2,1 g/l	Volatile Acid	n/a
pH	3,59		



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2008
HANNIBAL

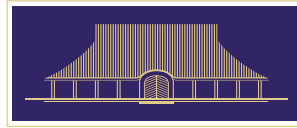


This blend is arguably singularly unique in its classic varietal composition. Perhaps best described as a “super tusker blend”. Pardon the play on words surrounding the role of African elephants in Hannibal the Conqueror’s historical war on the Romans. Each year there are marginal differences in the make-up of this wine, but the primary performers of Sangiovese being 50 %, Pinot Noir, 22 % and Nebbiolo, 13 % return their rightful position. I once enjoyed a cellar visit by two Italian oenologists who comfortably stated that these three cultivars were possibly the “most noble in the world!” The rest of the blend comprises of Mourvedre 7 %, Barbera 6 % and Shiraz 2 %.

All portions have been matured in best French oak barrels. Vintage 2008 was not a dry vintage, but this did not detract from the strength and potential of this bottling.

Aromatic and firm with notable fruits of the forest character. Excellent ageing potential and long aristocratic finish!

Alcohol	13,51 %	Total Acid	6,2 g/l
Residual Sugar	2,7 g/l	Volatile Acid	n/a
pH	3,45		



BOUCHARDE FINLAYSON

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2010 HANNIBAL

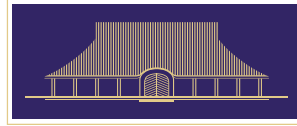


The composition and make up of Hannibal is unique to the Boucharde Finlayson label. This vintage is potentially the best Hannibal ever at Boucharde Finlayson. A very small harvest where the volume of grapes gathered amounted to about half of the previous years' crop. Small harvests equate to quality.

Some years ago a visit by three Italian oenologists enjoyed the confirmation that the Hannibal blend enjoys the worlds' finest grape varieties. This was arguably a partisan comment stemming from these learned men, but they were more than satisfied with the achievement of my efforts. Due to the winemakers licence Hannibal does display some small vintage differences, but essentially the composition remains the same. In this bottling the blend is Sangiovese (52 %), Pinot noir (14 %), Nebbiolo (14 %), Mourvedré (10 %), Barbera (7 %) and Shiraz (3 %)

This wine is tight but rich, with a core of silky sweet berry and wild plum aromas. It is beautifully textured with refined tannins arising from the bright but small harvest. The long lingering aftertaste will allow this bottling to develop for many years.

Alcohol	14,22 %	Total Acid	5,7 g/l
Residual Sugar	2,2 g/l	Volatile Acid	n/a
pH	3,61		



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2010
“LIMITED EDITION”
KAAIMANSGAT CHARDONNAY



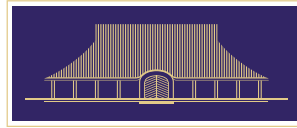
“Peter promise me that when you make a Chardonnay, please achieve a balance in wine where you do not wish to reach for a glass of water after your first glass of Chardonnay.”

These were the first words of warning from Paul Bouchard. Paul Bouchard of Burgundy played an integral part in setting the chardonnay quality tone at Bouchard Finlayson in the 1990's.

Elegance depth and balance is what this Limited Edition Chardonnay is all about. It is a blend where half the wine is traditionally fermented in best new French Oak barrels and the other half enjoys no wood maturation at all.

This bottling offers richness with great definition. Crisp dry peach, sweet pear and citrus fruit flavours, tangy mouth feel and long lingering taste enhanced by the 50% new oak contributes classic vanilla and yeasty under tones. Will age well!

Alcohol	13,45 %	Total Acid	6,0 g/l
Residual Sugar	1.4 g/l	Volatile Acid	n/a
pH	3,34		



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2009 MISSIONVALE CHARDONNAY

A dry rewarding vintage for this Chardonnay, which is year by year recognized for its characteristic layered “seamless” quality.

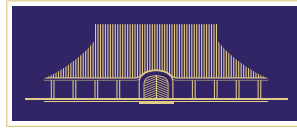
The name originates from the historical mission hospital established by Moravian Missionary Peter Leitner who adopted this beautiful valley to establish a place of caring for the infirm – finally described as a leper colony.

A very distinctive and specific terroir component reflects true to type and the tradition of maintaining 30 % new best French Oak with a total of seven months maturation.

This wine presents pages of different taste sensations. First creamy yeast, followed by mild wood tones surrounded by vanilla and aromatic layers of apricot and cantaloupe. Finally resonating a long citrus and quince finish. Longevity and ageing will enhance completely!



Alcohol	13,5 %	Total Acid	5,9 g/l
Residual Sugar	2,0 g/l	Volatile Acid	n/a
pH	3,35		



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2010
CROCODILE'S LAIR
"KAAIMANSGAT" CHARDONNAY

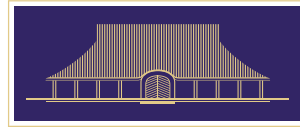


My first impression of vintage 2010 was "here is a great year for red wines". But blow me down; here is a "beaut". It is a whole lot of white wine at its best.

The fruit originates from this special vineyard, which is located in a blind valley behind the village of Villiersdorp. We have been sourcing fruit from this location for the past twenty years. This non-irrigated superior quality fruit grown in a late ripening location some 700 metres above sea level has always produced superb wines. The age of these vines are now beyond twenty years and contribute to a mature softness in its texture. While full-bodied and opulent in style, the mouth-feel sings with notes of fruitiness and tropical flavours.

Ripe yet delicately balanced with a subtle mix of tight French oak; this "white peach" personality has an endearing quality. It ends in a long, layered finish where the flavours build on one another. Predictions for maturation to greater heights are very good!

Alcohol	13,51 %	Total Acid	6,4 g/l
Residual Sugar	2,4 g/l	Volatile Acid	n/a
pH	3,30		



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2010
CHARDONNAY SANS BARRIQUE



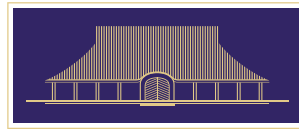
This is Bouchard Finlayson's fifteenth vintage edition of Sans Barrique Chardonnay.

Chardonnay is an extremely versatile grape and un-wooded Chardonnay is no rarity to the world of Chardonnay. The factor of wooding or not wooding can make a huge difference to its flavour and aroma. In many instances the un-wooded version of the variety is a better accompaniment to fish and shell fish than the wooded version.

These grapes originate from the tall mountains behind the village of Villiersdorp. Conditions through the 2010/2011 growing season were dry which presented a small harvest of concentrated fruit.

The wine is best described as marginally organic with citrus and kiwi fruit flavours – Flinty and dry with intensity of finish after loads of strong mineral flavours.

Alcohol	12,8 %	Total Acid	5,8 g/l
Residual Sugar	1,3 g/l	Volatile Acid	n/a
pH	3,4		



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2011
WALKER BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC

Sauvignon blanc is our eternal crowd pleaser! Where each year we bottle it fresh while the fragrance is bright and a loving palate displays its certainty as South Africans best performing white wine.

Our geographic location lying within five kilometres of the cool Atlantic Ocean offers the best temperature zone that the Cape can contribute. Added to this is the heavy shale clay soil which typifies the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley and lends an inviting tropical tone to the flavour profile of this vintage.

Vintage 2011 was what I would call a “nervous harvest”, with considerable wet conditions and fortunately no adverse effect on the Sauvignon Blanc grape!

This wine has a strong vibrant aroma, tropical fruits of pineapple, litchi and granadilla. This is followed by a firm crisp palate signalling a determined structure with parallel fruit calling one straight back to the glass!

Alcohol	13,6 %	Total Acid	5,9 g/l
Residual Sugar	2,0 g/l	Volatile Acid	n/a
pH	3,34		



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2011
BLANC DE MER



Weather wise this was a tricky vintage, lots of unseasonal rain which caused marginal conditions but very often such wet vintages are considerably cooler than the dry years. Cooler conditions manifest in brighter and more fruity wines, where in particular, this bottling is very expressive and exuberant with lots of out flowing luscious flavour.

The defining feature of this label is its Riesling dominance. This is arguably the only white blend from the Cape which has its principle component as the Riesling grape. Of further interest here is that this vintage comprises of six different grape types whereas in the past there have normally been five. The Riesling content at 49% is the same as for vintage 2008 which means there ought to be close similarities between these vintages. The balance is Viognier 22%, Chenin Blanc 10%, Sauvignon Blanc 10%, Chardonnay 5% & Semillon 4%.

Deliciously fragrant with lush upfront fruit driven mouth feel revealing ample rich tropical kiwi and peach undertones. Layers of gooseberry ending a lingering honest pleasing finish.

Alcohol	13,29 %	Total Acid	5,8 g/l
Residual Sugar	3.7 g/l	Volatile Acid	n/a
pH	3,44		
