



BOUCHARD FINLAYSON
A BOUTIQUE VINEYARD

TÊTE DE CUVÉE 2012

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

Vintage 2012 was simply perfect. There were no curve balls to spoil the fruit and the weather was ideal. It was one of those extraordinary harvests where the crop was substantial while the quality was correspondingly, enviously good in its early reflections. The weather remained perfectly dry throughout the six weeks of harvest.

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 87% new oak.

TASTING NOTES

The palate offers fine rich fruit with hints of raspberry, plum and oaky blackberry tones. Rich and long on the back palate. Great structure and long harmonious layers of velvety tannins, promising rewarding years of complex development.

FOOD PAIRING

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



VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

WINE OF ORIGIN

Hemel-en-Aarde Valley,
Walker Bay

PRODUCTION

260 cases (12 bottles cases)

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.98%
Acid: 5.1g/l
Residual Sugar: 2.1g/l
pH: 3.5