



BOUCHARD FINLAYSON
A BOUTIQUE VINEYARD

GALPIN PEAK PINOT NOIR 2015

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

Some vintages arrive as if delivered on a magic carpet! 2015 was perfectly behaved, a vintage of pure luxury and a great relief after the previous two vintages weather conditions. Almost no rain fell during the key ripening period and excellent quality fruit has aided and respected winemaking potential from this super crop. Top quality grapes require fast picking, which secures the moment of capturing the best window of harvest opportunity.

VINIFICATION

The quality of the fruit picked, lead to limited sorting with consequent efficient and rapid cellar processing. Grapes were destalked (bar 15% whole bunch) directly into tank where four days of cold soak was implemented prior to the on-set of fermentation. After three weeks of fermentation and intended additional skin contact, the fermented grapes were loaded into the press where the free run portion of wine was separated from the press fraction for later blending consideration. Thereafter the young wine was allowed to settle in a large tank prior to transferring into imported 228 litre French Oak barrels where malolactic fermentation followed during the months of maturation.

TASTING NOTES

A great vintage with trophy winning quality! Medium dark with black-red colour. Explosive nose of red fruits and infused cherry, the palate projects cranberry and plum with smoky strawberry high tones. Bright with a good grip and velvety mouthfeel with considerable ageing potential.

FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy with a selection of cheese or extract the joy of its opulence with seared salmon. But foremost it will be a natural with best cut red meats or winter stews!



VARIETAL

100% Pinot Noir

WINE OF ORIGIN

Hemel-en-Aarde Valley,
Walker Bay

PRODUCTION

1778 cases (12 bottles cases)

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.37%
Acid: 6.1g/l
Residual Sugar: 1.5g/l
pH: 3.48