SECKFORD AGENCIES

BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

GALPIN PEAK PINOT NOIR, BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

Vintage 2022



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
13.6	2.6
pH	**Acidity**
3.61	5.4

The Hemel-en-Aarde Valley enjoys the unique combination of soil and climate that provides the exact balance for the perfect expression of Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTE

An open and expressive vintage, the wine delivers arresting fragrances of floral and exotic spice aromas. The opulent and rich core underlay vibrant dried cranberry, black cherry and a burst of plum flavours. Umami detail reappear throughout. Well structured, but smooth as silk, displaying freshness and energy for an excellent balance.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Cold and exceedingly wet conditions occurred during flowering and berry set late in 2021, pushing the onset of the harvest season ever later. The ripening season of January 2022 however, saw some of the hottest and driest conditions that have been recorded over the past seven years; the rainfall received for this period was atypically low. This allowed for a long, healthy ripening of a concentrated crop. Minimal disease pressure and dilution resulted in the production of fruit of an outstanding quality, in which full phenolic ripeness and refreshingly low natural sugar accumulation was expressed.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

A 9th estate vineyard was the first newcomer in almost a decade, adding a touch of youthful vibrance. Indigenous yeast populations, accompanying the grapes from the vineyards, now account for 34% of primary fermentation. Sharp focus is placed on the separation of pressing fractions, which are matured apart and mostly not included in the final cuvee. Blended after 11months maturation in French oak, 28% of which were new. Bottled following 4 months elevage, in May 2023.

AWARDS

IWC & DWWA: Silver 90 pts
Tim Atkin MW: 94 pts
Platter: 90 pts
IWSC: Silver 91 pts
Wine Advocate: 91 pts

ATTRIBUTES

Origin	Variety	Malolactic Fermentation	Bottle Size	Vegetarian
South Africa	Pinot Noir	Yes	75cl	Yes

Winemaker	Fining Agent	Closure	Region	Vegan
Chris Albrecht	Milk/ Bentonite	Cork	Hemel-en-Aarde Valley	No