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BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

GALPIN PEAK PINOT NOIR, BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

Vintage 2021



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
13.2	2.2
pH	**Acidity**
3.47	5.5

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

Fragrant and seductive red cherry perfume underpins an iron-rich mineral edge. Gently extracted fine tannins enrobe a delicate, yet vibrant structure. It is elegant and accessible, with refined oak and a layered, rewarding finish.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

It's been remarked before how the weather, during recent odd vintages, seems to behave to the benefit of local vintners. 2021 followed this pattern of 2019, 2017 and 2015. Yields varied significantly between cultivars and apart from a big rain event on 14 March, dry and cool conditions prevailed during picking. Phenolic ripeness outperformed sugar accumulation in the berries, resulting in juices with low potential alcohol and balanced natural acidities.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

Eight Estate vineyards, ranging in age from ten to thirty years, contribute to this expression of Pinot Noir. Various clonal material also plays a role, but the classic Dijon 113, 115, 667 and 777 are predominant. Each vineyard plot is vinified separately, with emphasis placed on accentuating its distinctive characteristics. Blended after 11 months maturation in French oak, 30% of which were new and bottled, following 4 months elevage, in May 2022.

AWARDS

James Suckling: 94 pts
Tim Atkin MW: 92 pts
Platter: 92 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