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BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

GALPIN PEAK PINOT NOIR, BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

Vintage 2020



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.1	2.3
pH	**Acidity**
3.47	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

A wine of substance – generously structured for the long haul. Immediately expressive succulent plum, clove and nutmeg. Well defined and concentrated black olive tapenade and cranberry tart flavours, all elegantly packaged around an ever-present kelp-like tannin. Velvety smooth finish.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Spring 2019 saw ideal weather conditions during flower and fruit set, heightening expectations for the upcoming vintage. However, hopes were soon challenged by the atypical and unstable weather presented early in the New Year. Fortunately, dry conditions set in as soon as harvest commenced, with the crop remaining healthy. Volumes recovered slightly from the light 2019 vintage and all-round, unexpectedly positive, fruit-quality was delivered to the cellar.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

The use of whole grape bunches or clusters during fermentation, is a much discussed subject, as it plays a significant role in the general feel, as well as the aromatic composition of the eventual wine. Apart from the intended style, fruit ripeness and health determine the amount included, where 20% of this vintage was not destemmed. Following an average of 21 days on skin, the wines were delicately pressed and barrelled down to French oak for 11months maturation. Bottled in June 2021.

AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 92 pts
Wine Spectator: 91 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