

**GALPIN PEAK PINOT NOIR, BOUCHARD FINLAYSON**

Vintage

**2016**


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**

First impressions are an earthiness on the nose, followed by excellent colour and bold palate complexity. Dark red fruit with a savoury mixture of cherries, plums and cinnamon drifting into an extended palate feel.

**VINTAGE CONDITIONS**

Not every vintage presents the chosen balance of grapes and 2016 turned out to be a vintage where our decision making became all important! Much of the harvest presented itself with too much crop which meant for serious selection and resulted in only the best ferments being considered for bottling.

**VINIFICATION DETAILS**

An abundance of grapes this vintage allowed the opportunity to explore fresh ideas in terms of different fermentation processes, with some ferments containing greater amounts of whole bunch components. The estate's normal practice of an initial cold soak and three weeks of maceration and fermentation followed by natural malolactic fermentation all proceeded successfully. Eleven months in French oak barrels contributed to a delicious wine.

**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

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| Alcohol | Residual sugar |
| 14.0    | 2.1            |
| pH      | Acidity        |
| 3.52    | 5.2            |

**AWARDS**

IWC 2018: Gold and Trophies 'Best South African Red Wine' and 'Best South African Pinot Noir'  
 JamesSuckling.com: 94 pts  
 Tim Atkin MW: 94 pts  
 IWSC 2018: Silver Outstanding  
 Drinks Business Pinot Noir Masters 2018: Silver

**ATTRIBUTES**

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| <br>Origin        | <br>Variety | <br>Malolactic Fermentation | <br>Bottle Size | <br>Vegetarian |
| South Africa   | Pinot Noir   | Yes  | 75cl   | Yes   |
| <br>Finning Agent | <br>Closure | <br>Region                  | <br>Vegan       |   |
|  | Cork   | Hemel-en-Aarde<br>Valley, Walker Bay   | Yes  |   |