

# 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

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

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