SECKFORD AGENCIES

BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

TÊTE DE CUVÉE PINOT NOIR, BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

Vintage 2023



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
13.5	1.6
pH	**Acidity**
3.56	5.4

Bouchard Finlayson's Tête de Cuvée label presents a selection of their top Pinot Noir barrels from a particular vintage, showcasing their unique terroir.

TASTING NOTE

Vibrant pomegranate and wild flower aromas accenting the red cherry and plum tart complexity. Latent power visible through-out an impressive depth. Driven by sleek and well-defined tannins, the wine glides elegantly across the length of the palate, remaining fresh and focussed. Best from 2027 through 2035.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Moderate and mild winter weather was experienced, with average rainfall, which continued into spring and early summer. These conditions, ideal for slow and even ripening, was interrupted during the middle of December, with the arrival of some refreshing showers. January saw a continuation of dry and cool conditions, coinciding neatly with an earlier maturity of those cultivars that usually ripen first. During the third week of February, however, a massive 80 mm downpour, had set the tone for the rest of the vintage. By the last day of picking, 240 mm had fallen since harvest started. Rigorous selection of only ripe and healthy bunches, proved critical. Most vineyards cropped lower than the long-term average, mostly due to adverse flowering conditions.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

A Tête de Cuvée wine is not presented at every vintage. The emphasis is placed on attaching the best Pinot Noir ferments to best new wood, with the intention of sculpting a top quality, collectors wine. This bottling is regarded as the most promising wine from the cellar and carries the Bouchard Finlayson flag. The majority of grapes supplied for this cuvee are from the oldest vines on the property, with the average vine age exceeding 22 years. The winemaker selects individual barrels to compile the chosen components, in this instance only four, of which two were new oak.

AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 93 pts
Platter: 94 pts
Wine Advocate: 94 pts
IWC: Silver 90 pts
IWSC: Silver 93 pts
DWWA: Silver

ATTRIBUTES

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

Winemaker	Fining Agent	Closure	Region	Vegan
Chris Albrecht		Cork	Hemel-en-Aarde Valley	Yes