SECKFORD AGENCIES

BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

TÊTE DE CUVÉE PINOT NOIR, BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

Vintage 2021



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
13.2	2.0
pH	**Acidity**
3.44	5.6

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

Medium-deep garnet colour. Aromatically abundant black cherry, rose and strawberry with delicate cinnamon and essential oil adding more nuances. Beautifully integrated oak spice underscores a savoury and classically dense texture. Regal and elegant – builds to lasting complex 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 and2015. Yields varied significantly between cultivars and apart from a big rain event on14 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

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 eight, of which four were new oak.

AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 95 pts
Platter: 94 pts
James Suckling: 95 pts
Wine Advocate: 92 pts
DWWA: Silver 90 pts

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