SECKFORD AGENCIES

BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

TÊTE DE CUVÉE PINOT NOIR, BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

Vintage 2020



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.2	2.5
pH	**Acidity**
3.51	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

Brimming with potential to make a lasting sensory impression. Powerful and opulent, with gorgeous black cherry and blueberry flavours, neatly wrapped with a line of fine powdered tannin. Game, violet and subtle cinnamon are focussed on a dry and 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

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 six, of which four were new oak.

AWARDS

IWC: Gold & Trophy
Tim Atkin MW: 95 pts
Platter: 94 pts
James Suckling: 94 pts
Wine Spectator: 93 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