SECKFORD AGENCIES

BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

TÊTE DE CUVÉE PINOT NOIR, BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

Vintage 2019



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
13.9	2.4
pH	**Acidity**
3.55	5.5

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

Brilliantly pure. Fresh cranberry and juicy plum aromas weave through savoury exotic spices. Powered by sleek and well-defined tannins, the wine glides elegantly across the length of the palate. A finely textured core of earthen salinity leads to a lasting finish.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Vintage 2019 will long be remembered for the raging wild fire that swept across the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley on 11th January – less than three weeks before the first grapes were picked. We were fortunate that we experienced little to no damage and brought in a healthy, yet slightly lighter crop. The reduced yield was the result of milder than normal winter temperatures. Weather conditions remained cool and relatively dry throughout February and March.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

Tête de Cuvée is not made in 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, collector's 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 cuvée is 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 half were new oak.

AWARDS

Platter: 5*
DWWA: Gold
Tim Atkin MW: 96 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