

SEVEN FLAGS PINOT NOIR, PAUL CLÜVER

Vintage

2018


Seven Flags Pinot Noir combines site and barrel selection to produce the ultimate expression of the Paul Clüver estate's terroir.

TASTING NOTE

This wine embodies the essence of great Pinot Noir: purity of fruit and balanced acidity, which gives structure to the wine. Well defined with amazing poise, the colour is bright red, alluring and luminous. The aroma has wonderful elegant red and dark berry fruit expression, ending with lovely soft oak notes. The palate is a combination of firm concentration and freshness, with some enticing savoury notes, and amazing length and complexity with great freshness lifting the fruit.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The growing season of the vines, prior and during to the 2018 harvest, consisted of moderate day temperatures and cool night temperatures which was ideal for the development of quality grapes. Harvesting the Pinot Noir started on the 9th of February and finishing the 1st of March. Picking of the grapes took place in the early, cool hours of the morning to protect the quality of the grapes during processing.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
13.5	2.4
pH	Acidity
3.29	6.1

VINIFICATION DETAILS

Extensive berry sorting is done by hand prior to destemming, with no crushing. Selected grapes are transported in satellite tanks and the fermenting vats filled by gravity, followed by cold maceration at 12-14°C for 6 days. Fermentation in 3.5T wooden vats is allowed to start naturally with some inoculated to complete. The skin cap is punched through by hand up to twice daily. After fermentation, the wine is pressed and racked to barrel for malolactic fermentation and remained on the fine lees for 12 months. Barrels are tasted blind and the best are selected and blended to form the Seven Flags Pinot Noir. New wood and 2nd fill components equate to 34% each, and the remainder 3rd and 4th fill.

AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 95 pts
DWWA & IWC: Silver
Platter: 94 pts

ATTRIBUTES

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



Winemaker

Andries Burger



Fining Agent

none



Closure

Cork



Region

Elgin



Vegan

Yes