

THE WINERY OF GOOD HOPE

RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2019



IN THE VINEYARDS

These grapes come from two vineyards in Stanford and Stellenbosch, both consisting of Burgundian clones 115 and 777. Over the winter, rainfall figures came close to the long-term average for Stellenbosch, which came as a relief to many. The cool daytime conditions (and especially nights!) of December and January meant that the grapes ripened with lovely acidity and great freshness, all at lower alcohol levels. In 2019, Stanford saw very moderate conditions, the average daytime temperature over December and January being only 24 °C. This meant that we had to harvest the Pinot a touch earlier than normal, which led to great purity of fruit and racy acidity.

IN THE CELLAR

The berries were co-fermented using natural ferments. We made use of our hoist system which enabled us to lift the berries into the tanks and use gravity to drop them in and carry out 100% whole berry fermentation of both clones. We employed gentle extraction and the berries were gently basket pressed for pure and fine tannins. The wine was then matured in stainless steel tanks for 8 months and then for 2 months in 228L barrels, equal 2nd, 3rd & 4th fill Burgundian barrels. As with all our wines we used minimal SO₂ and this was not fined.

A NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER

This wine has depth and texture, presence and poise. The whole berry ferment lifts the aromatic expression while bringing supple tannins and length to the wine. Dark, red fruit and a subtle earthiness can be detected. Gentle oak aging and non-interventionist winemaking have contributed to producing a pure expression of South African Pinot Noir. This is not a Pinot for those who think good red wine needs to be black, oaky and tannic. It is a fragrant, bright and refreshing Pinot with wonderful succulence and expressive fruitiness.

THE TECHNICAL BITS

VARIETY
APPELLATION
ANALYSIS

PINOT NOIR	
Alcohol	12.5% vol.
Total acidity	5.7 g/l
pH	3.66
Residual sugar	1.6 g/l