

2018 Estate Pinot Noir

Our Thoughts

A combination this year of 'Up the Hill' and 'Down the Hill' this Estate Pinot has layers of flavor and earthy, broody dark fruits together with mulled spice and cassis, that combine to create this fabulous and intriguing wine.

Vintage Comment

Heavier than normal winter rains and cooler temperatures delayed budburst (our second latest) but warmer spring weather resulted in perfect conditions for flowering leading to very good fruit set and promising high yields. In fact, particularly down the hill, crop adjustment was required to ensure even maturity and high quality outcomes. Grapes matured with optimum sugar, flavour and tannin development resulting in high quality parcels from all sites. It was our third earliest harvest, leading to our shortest ever hang time (budburst-harvest 179 days against an average of 203 days).

Harvest Date

Hand picked 27 February-19 March 2018

Winemaking

- whole bunches varied with different parcels between 0-20%
- 25-30 days on skins in a mix of a mix of concrete and stainless steel tanks
- following pressing, the wine was transferred to 21% new 228 litre French oak barrels for 11 months
- natural partial (100%) malolactic fermentation before bottling unfinned and with minimal filtration



Alcohol

13.5% (8 standard drinks/750ml bottle)

Food Pairing

Rabbit and mushroom pie. Serve at 14–17°C

Best Drinking

2020-2028+

Your Thoughts

