

## 2011 Section 400 Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir 100%  
Adelaide Hills 100%

### Wine Analysis

Winemaker: Greg Clack

Bottled: June 2012

Alcohol: 12.5%

Oak: 100% French Oak

Acid: 7.0 g/L

pH: 3.51

Residual Sugar: 3.2g/L

Sulphur: 132 mg/L

### In the Vineyard

Fruit for the Section 400 Pinot Noir is sourced from a number of premium Adelaide Hills Vineyards. A combination of east and north facing slopes with different clonal material produce distinctly different flavours which combine to complement each other in the final wine. The 2010/11 growing season produced cooler than average ripening conditions allowing elegant and varietal flavour development at lower alcohols.

### In the Winery

The grapes were crushed and de-stemmed soon after receipt and cold soaked for 48 hours before inoculation. The juice was then fermented with minimal cap management in open and static fermenters with a varietal enhancing yeast to preserve the fresh primary fruit aromas of Pinot Noir. It was pressed off skins after 7 days of fermentation and transferred straight into French oak to ensure the complete integration of oak and fruit. Malo-lactic fermentation was completed while in oak, the wine was then racked and returned post malo for maturation. Upon maturation the wine was barrel selected with only the best barrels racked to tank and filtered for bottling.

### In the Glass

#### Colour

Cherry red with crimson plum hue.

#### Bouquet

Initially you are greeted by lifted cherry, rhubarb and plums with nuances of beetroot, wild mint and dried thyme seamlessly integrated by aromatic savoury oak.

#### Palate

On the palate there is juicy cherry and plum with hints of blueberry and rhubarb. Firm savoury fruit and oak tannins balance the sweeter upfront fruits to give length and complexity on the finish. Refreshing wild mint and menthol are evident on the finish and are balanced by hints of char from toasted barrels. Well rounded medium bodied palate with structural tannins and lively acid produce a very enjoyable wine suitable for many duck and lighter red meat dishes.



### The Pinot Noir Story

Fruit for our first vintage of this wine came from a vineyard situated in the northern area of the Adelaide Hills, namely "Section 400", not far from the original Chain of Ponds township

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