

2012 Section 400 Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir 96%, Shiraz 4%

Adelaide Hills 100%

Wine Analysis

Winemaker: Greg Clack

Bottled: November 2013

Alcohol: 12.5%

Oak: 100% French Oak

Acid: 6.6 g/L

pH: 3.52

Residual Sugar: 3.2g/L

Sulphur: 122 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 2011/12 growing season produced elegant fruit characters with textural tannins and great fruit volume.

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 and 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 blueberry with nuances of fresh beetroot, and dried sage. An underlying aroma of eucalypt is seamlessly integrated with aromatic savoury oak.

Palate

The mid-bodied palate shows trueness of fruit from the sites selected: sour cherry and rhubarb with hints of eucalypt from the northern hills and red and blueberry fruits with hints of strawberry from the southern hills. Great palate volume with lifted lively acidity. Structural tannins which are firm yet velvety add a subtle savoury note that is integrated with the fruit length in the wine. The fruit length and mid-bodied weight of the wine make it perfectly matched to 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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