

Dalrymple Estate Pinot Noir 2008

Pinot Noir is the Bête Noire of winemaking; frustratingly fickle to grow and challenging to craft but utterly delicious at its best.

For the Dalrymple Estate Pinot Noir, barrels displaying the greatest fruit expression and most complex structure are selected from the best blocks to create a final wine that reflects the best of the vineyard and winemaking to deliver wines with classical structure, great depth of flavour, length and texture.



WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Each block of Pinot Noir from the Dalrymple vineyard is hand-harvested separately and kept separate throughout the entire winemaking process. Some blocks are then divided into smaller parcels, to maximise blending options. A number of classical Pinot Noir winemaking techniques are employed: hand-sorting fruit, cold soaking, and whole bunch inclusion, hand-plunging and wild fermentation. In 2008 two blocks shone above the rest, F Block and D Block, on the face and crest of our main vineyard slope, these blocks looked wonderful from flowering to harvest. Twelve months of ageing in glass means the wine is released as it approaches the peak of its development.

This wine's colour is medium pomegranate red with a lifted complex nose displaying lavender, spice, raspberry fruits and forest floor. Other aromas include savoury notes of seaspray and oyster shell which reflect the vineyard's regionality. The 2008 Estate Pinot Noir has a fine palate with a seam of redcurrant, blood plums, ironstone and truffles. It is layered, complex and savoury with elegant oak redolent of roasted almonds. A Pinot Noir of great length and purity with fine suede tannins.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

2008 was a warm, dry year across almost all of Tasmania, with perfect set, leading the way for good crops in all regions. The warmth of the growing season, and good rainfall at perfect times, maintained healthy canopies, allowing these generous crops to ripen well. The resultant fruit at harvest was well balanced with great flavour.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2008
Region	Tasmania
Winemaker	Natalie Fryar
Harvested	14 April 2008
Treatment	Matured for 13 months in 42% new French oak barriques, 37% one year old French oak barriques, balance in 2 & 3 year old French oak barriques
Alc/Vol	13.5%
Total Acid	6 g/L
pH	3.37

