

2010 Section 400 Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir 100%
Adelaide Hills 100%

Wine Analysis

Winemaker: Greg Clack

Bottled: July 2011

Alcohol: 13.5%

Oak: 80% French Oak, 20% American Oak

Acid: 6.4 g/L

pH: 3.43

Residual Sugar: 3.5g/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 easterly and northern facing slopes produce distinctly different flavours which combine to complement each other in the final wine.

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 into French and a small amount of American oak for lift and structural tannins. Malolactic 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

Deep cherry red with light plum red hue.

Bouquet

Initially you are greeted by dark cherry, hints of strawberry and rhubarb with nuances of beetroot and black forest cake. Slight herbal notes of sage and a hint of eucalypt are balanced by the slight savouriness from the oak.

Palate

On the palate there are juicy cherry and blueberry fruits. Rhubarb sourness is balanced by plum and sweet beetroot. As the flavour progresses, hints of chestnut, spice, dried herbs and a hint of char complement the freshness of the fruits. Well rounded medium to full bodied palate with structural velvety tannins and good 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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