

2020 Pemberton "Grenade Plot" Pinot Noir

Region: Pemberton
Vintage: 2020
Vineyard: Single Vineyard Below and Above Vineyard (Grenade plot)
Variety: 100% Pinot Noir
pH: 3.60
TA: 6.50g/l
Oak: New French oak 30%, Seasoned French oak 70%
Clones: 114, 115, 777
Alcohol: 13.0 %
Yeast: Wild Fermentation
Soil type: Karri Loam/Gravels
Style: A unique single site vineyard wine of regional expression and ageing potential
Vine Age: 20 years

Cellaring: 5-15 years

Winemakers: Colby Quirk/Yuri Berns

Wine: This wine is made from ultra premium Pinot Noir grown in dry gravel soils essential for concentration and power. This single vineyard consists of an array of French clones, of which we were able to secure two off. The base of this wine is made from 777, 114 and 115 Pinot Noir clones known for their structure and aromatic lift. The name "Grenade plot" is given because of the ultra-small size of both bunches and berries, due to the dry gravels he site.

Vinification: This wine was hand-picked and bunch sorted and then fermented in open-top fermenters, using wild yeast, whole bunches (30%) for carbonic maceration, hand plunged, foot stomped and then basket pressed. This is a very traditional approach to making Pinot Noir in Burgundy, and is the best way to respect the fruit and preserve place. Ageing in French oak barrels for 9 months post fermentation was additional to the process.

Tasting Notes: A Lifted and ethereal wine which shows great depth and complexity along with the potential for what Pemberton Pinot Noir can achieve. The Addition of the 30% whole bunches to the ferment have contributed to what is called Carbonic maceration. These characters are a lot more lifted and perfumed and is practiced right through the spiritual home of Pinot Noir, Burgundy.