

LITTLE ENGINE

WINES

FRENCH FAMILY CLONE SELECT PINOT NOIR 2018



PRODUCTION:
71 CASES
70 1.5L MAGNUMS

VARIETAL BLEND
100 % Pinot Noir

APPELLATION
Naramata Bench

VINEYARD
Trestle vineyard

HARVEST DATE
October 3, 2018

pH
3.64

CLONES
943, Swan, Chalone,
Wadensil

FERMENTATION VESSEL
100% 3rd fill French oak
barriques

ALCOHOL
13.3%

AGING POTENTIAL
2019 - 2028

VINEYARD NOTES:

The fruit for this wine is 100% Naramata Bench and was sourced from our Trestle Vineyard (planted 2012), supported by silt loam soils. Low crop levels were maintained at 2.5 tonnes per acre.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Hand harvested and sorted in the vineyard, the Pinot Noir grapes are de-stemmed only into one tonne fermenters. Hand plunging is used. The natural fermentation was maintained cool early in ferment and then elevated to aid in phenolic extraction. The total maceration time is about 3 weeks. The wines are drained & pressed off just before dryness and tank settled prior to going to barrel.

It undergoes spontaneous malolactic fermentation and matures in 3rd fill French oak barrels for 11 months with no racking until pre-bottle blending. Unfined & unfiltered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES & SUGGESTED CELLARING

The heritage clones selected for this 2018 French Family release have produced an exquisite & ultimately complex Pinot Noir. Intricate layers of aromas, flavours & textures will continue to develop over its lifespan.

Ripe cherry, red rhubarb, pomegranate seed & saffras aromas carry into a silky palate of blackberry, black currant & crushed raspberry with hints of black tea, cedarwood & earthy minerality. Showcasing incredible balance with silky tannins, fresh acidity & palate structure, we do recommend cellaring until 2028.

“Dreams don’t come true; dreams are made true.”

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