



VINTAGE INFORMATION REGION: Hunter Valley, NSW ALCOHOL: 13.4% PH: 3.37 ACIDITY: 6.13g/L RESIDUAL SUGAR: 3.37g/L OAK: French

# CELLAR SELECT

# PINOT NOIR 2018

A range of wines that are exclusive to the Cellar Door in the Hunter Valley.

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The fruit for this wine was sourced from the Bainton Vineyard in the Hunter Valley region. 2018 was great vintage for the Hunter Valley, with wines made comparable to those from 2014 which was considered one of the greatest vintages ever. The grapes for this wine are from the MV6 clone which was first planted in the Hunter Valley in the 1920s. The unirrigated "Dry Grown" vines on the Bainton Vineyard rely on a below ground water table for their water needs. This method produces low crop loads with small and intensely flavoured berries.

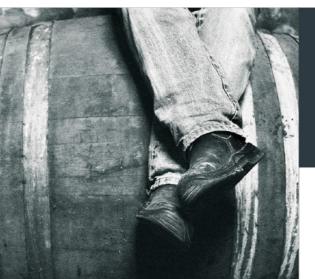
#### WINEMAKING

The grapes were machine harvested and transported to our Hunter Valley winery where it was inoculated with yeast and the bins sealed up. After one week the grapes were processed through the crusher and pressed into tank. Absolutely minimal handling was conducted and as a result the tannins are in balance. The wine was matured in older French oak barrels for approximately 12 months before receiving a light fining and bottled.

### TASTING NOTES

A full-bodied wine, our Cellar Select Pinot Noir has distinct aromas of strawberry and hints of toasty char from the French oak. A rich, fruit-driven red wine with fine grained tannins and a great persistent finish.

The wine is very Burgundian and on the savoury side of the spectrum making it an ideal wine with red meats.





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