

2015 PINOT BLANC

VINTAGE ~ 2015 was an early vintage although the Pinot Blanc is a late ripening variety for a white grape. It cropped at about 49 HL/ha (2.75 tonnes/acre) and was picked at a Baume of 12.8.

VINIFICATION ~ The grapes were treated oxidatively so no sulphur was used until after the primary fermentation. The grapes were bag pressed and the juice went to a stainless-steel tank for 48 hours of settling at 10c. The juice was then racked to old French oak barriques for a mixture of wild and inoculated yeast fermentation. The wine stayed on lees for 9 months with monthly stirring. It was bottled in October 2015 under stelvin closure.

COLOUR ~ Yellow with light gold tints.

 $\textbf{AROMA} \sim \textbf{Wild}$ field flowers, hazelnut and slight baked green apple aroma with lots of minerals.

PALATE \sim Similar to the aroma with the wine being full bodied and quite dry. Long flavoured, having a certain unctuosity in the mouth.

CELLARING ~ 5 -10 years.

COMMENTS ~ This is perhaps the most elegant of the Pinot Blanc's we have made and so saying is less full flavoured than some. We expect it to last exceptionally well.



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