



STOCKMAN'S RIDGE®

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ORANGE, AUSTRALIA

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From their vineyard to their unique alternative wine varieties, there's no doubt that Stockman's Ridge Wines of Orange, NSW continuously stands out from the crowd. And it goes to show with their new release of two different 2015 Pinot Noirs; same vintage but both very different wines.

As with every good wine, it all starts in the vineyard and owner, Jonathan Hambrook chooses to take a rather unique approach with his Pinot Noir vines, especially within the Orange Region. Whereas most vineyards in Orange practice the bilateral vine training method, Jonathan chooses to use unilateral. "There are many advantages to this", he says, "With changing climate and weather extremes, we have found having more control over our vines is a necessity". This is achieved by planting the vines closer together – 1 meter between each vine and 2.8 meters between each row as well as pruning the vines unilateral, that is only having one cordon and 8 spurs per vine.

"This means in a good year we're only asking one vine to produce eight excellent bunches of fruit, considering a 50% crop thinning rate, and in a bad year we can drop that crop further to ensure the vine produces just four really good bunches. Essentially we value quality over quantity".

Jonathan took inspiration for his vineyard from his many trips to France, particularly the Bordeaux and Burgundy region.

"By taking this pruning approach, each vine has to do less, putting all its energy into the fruit and not the vine itself. And if we need to remove a vine from production, it doesn't impact our quality and only very slightly our volume; meaning we aim to produce a more consistent higher quality crop each year on year".

Stockman's Ridge brings this uniqueness through their vineyard and into their wines, employing both funkiness and difference. The two new releases, 2015 Rider Pinot Noir and 2015 Handcrafted Pinot Noir embody this diversity, showing how different approaches to the wine making process can have a very diverse effect.

The 2015 Rider Pinot Noir, a light and fruity Orange, NSW Pinot embodies the subtle beauty that is cool climate wine. Light red auburn in the glass, the nose starts with Violet and Green Pepper with hints of roasted Cinnamon. Light and bright on the palate to start before the balanced acid brings out fine tannins of cocoa and spice.

However, its brother takes on a funkier attitude with the fruit being hot fermented with wild yeast to bring out as much of the earthy and dirty characters we all love in a good Pinot. Handpicked with care, a deep rich purple in the glass with a big complex nose of Chariness, Forest Floor, Forest Berries with hints of Pepper Sweet Spice toward the end. Earthy Exotic Spices with Blackberry and Plum coat the mouth for delicious balanced and extraordinary wine.

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2015 Stockman's Ridge Rider Pinot Noir retails for **\$25**

2015 Stockman's Ridge Handcrafted Pinot Noir retails for **\$30**

These new wines are stocked in selected Bottle Shops and Restaurants, and through the Stockman's Ridge Cellar Door which is open 5 Days a week from Thursday to Monday 11am to 5pm as well as via the Stockman's Ridge website: www.stockmansridge.com.au

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