



## The Sabre

20/15

PINOT NOIR

### THE WINE

#### James Halliday Rating – 95 Points

*“...a Pinot which is alive with a fragrant red flower (roses) perfumed bouquet and a juicy/spicy palate that welcomes all who draw near. Relaxed, silky tannins and a quick kiss on the cheek by the oak complete a wine that is ready now (but with more to come)”*

### VITICULTURE

The grapes for The Sabre are from some of the oldest and best sited Pinot Noir vineyards in the high cool comate Lenswood and Piccadilly sub-regions of the Adelaide Hills. We work with our growers to produce moderate yields of fruit, well exposed to sunlight to maximise colour and ripe flavours.

Vintage commenced 18 days earlier than 2014 and showed a return from the lighter crops of 2014 to average yields.

As usual growers were requested to leaf pluck the morning (eastern side) of the Pinot vines soon after fruit set to give the optimum fruit exposure and aid the development of colour, tannins and ripe flavours.

Picking dates 25th February to 25th March.

Again the newer clones (777, 114 and 115) ripened first, reinforcing our belief that they are best suited to the coolest sites.

### WINEMAKING

Made in small batches, all cold soaked and hand plunged in open fermenters. 100% malolactic fermentation aged in French oak barriques (25% new) for ten months prior to blending. Bottled in March 2013 after minimal filtration.

### THE SWORD NAME

The Sabre is a fencing weapon with a flat blade, used with cutting or thrusting actions; a military sword popular in the 18th to 20th centuries, mainly used by cavalry.

### SPECIFICATIONS

VARIETY	100% Pinot Noir	ALCOHOL	13.5%
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION	100% Adelaide Hills Lenswood & Picadilly sub regions	CLOSURE	Screwcap
CLONES	MV6;114 &115; D4V2; D5V12; 777; 18GM	CELLARING POTENTIAL	3 – 6 years

