

2017 Luna Estate Pinot Noir



Vintage and Vine

A cooler and wetter than average spring and summer meant challenging conditions throughout the growing season. Fruit set was excellent and good spring rains delivered healthy canopy growth. Disease pressure was high, particularly powdery mildew. The vineyard team worked extra hard this season ensuring that in the end excellent quality fruit was harvested, albeit in small quantities.

Winery

A blend of fruit harvested from both of our vineyards, however majority coming from the younger plantings at the Blue rock vineyard. Majority Dijon clones 777, 667 114 and 115 also UCD 5 and Abel. Average vine age of around 15 years. Majority of fruit is de-stemmed, around 5 % fermented whole cluster. Fermentation takes place mostly in 6 ton open top fermenters. Handled lightly, with 2 - 3 plunges per day. Total maceration time is between 14 – 20 days. Post pressing the wine is run off into a mixture of new and seasoned French oak barriques and puncheons. Maturation in barrel for 12 months. Unfined and lightly filtered prior to bottling.

pH 3.65

T/A 5 g/L

RS < 1.0 g/l

Alc 13%

The Wine

Clear, bright ruby colour.

Complex array of high-toned red fruit aromas, ripe cherry, raspberry, cranberry with lifted floral notes, undertones of fine spice, savoury herb and quality oak.

Juicy, youthful and vibrant fruit driven palate. Super smooth and supple with delicate and fine fruity tannins complimenting a balanced spine of acidity. Pure cherry flavours with some sweet oak notes evident on the finish.

Drinking very nicely in its' youth. Very moreish. Cellar with confidence for 3-5 years.