

# HEIRLOOM

## VINEYARDS

EST. 2004 AUSTRALIA

### 2017 ADELAIDE HILLS PINOT NOIR

Heirloom Vineyards was conceived in vintage 2000, when a young winemaking student caught the eye of a silly old wine judge. A love story ensued inspired by two vows: To preserve the best of tradition, the old world of wine and our unique old vineyards and to champion the best clones of each variety planted in the most appropriate sites embracing the principals of organic and biodynamic farming. Seven long vintages of trial and error passed before Heirloom Vineyards could make a wine that was fine enough to pass on to future generations. That is this wine.

This Heirloom Vineyards Pinot Noir was produced from our best Adelaide Hills Vineyard whose clones and viticulture embody the very best in cutting edge but old school viticulture and winemaking. Hand tended vines, sorted bunch by bunch, naturally open fermented, basket-pressed and stored in well seasoned first use French oak barriques from bespoke coopers.

#### HEIRLOOM WINE NOTES

Pinot Noir can be a simple sip or a symphony of the senses, a moment of pleasure or an eternity of contemplation. Only the poet can know, so stop thinking and surrender.

#### COLOUR

Of course, no indication of condition, being a Pinot Noir, but vibrant translucent ruby red with bright see through tinges. A striking and intriguing colour.

#### AROMA

Suggests ripening cherries, and like a perfume made from ripening summer pudding fruits; raspberries, boysenberries, redcurrants and even a hint of mint and mossy forest floor but overall this wine redolent with ripening plums and black cherry smells and the merest hint of enticing cedar and spice. An extraordinary range of aromatics like waves crashing on a beach.

#### PALATE

Initially intense sweet fruit of cherries and ripe raspberries, plums and then some black cherries, but balanced by a tangy acidity, like a summer pudding with some fresh cream and spice from the French Oak and an almost chalk like tannin structure. A real nod to Burgundy.

#### OVERALL

An extraordinary Pinot Noir from the Adelaide Hills, from Heirloom clones of course, of whole bunches (stems and all) open fermented basket pressed unfiltered unfinned and hand bottled from a single site of free draining quartz laden north facing vines that can't be poached by describing their location on this note. We think this wine will cellar well but is so delicious now any argument for delayed gratification is almost academic.

Alcohol 13.5% (8.0 Standard Drinks), pH 3.44, TA 6.78 g/L, Residual Sugar 1.8 g/L

#### WINEMAKER

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