



FERMENTATION

22% NEW FRENCH OAK
78% NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK



LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS PINOT NOIR 2018

WINE PROFILE

Also known as 'the heartbreak grape', Pinot Noir has been a nice challenge. BC's cooler climate is showcasing Pinot Noir that is world class. The fruit is 95% sourced from Thomas Ranch, Okanagan Falls and 5% Naramata Bench. 12 months is French oak barrels..

TASTING NOTES

This pinot begins with a classic nose of bright cherry, strawberry, and a bit of leather. It also has a slight earthiness and hint of dried petal. Its structure is soft and round with balanced acid and a medium body. On the palate, the cranberry comes across first, opening to sweet tobacco flower and a bit of spice. A classic pairing for this would be pan-fried duck breast but for the adventurous try bar-style caramelised Brussel sprouts with aioli dip.



WINEMAKING NOTES

After hand picking, we double hand sort the grapes followed by whole berry fermentation. The whole berry fermentation was done in stainless steel tanks, with 20% as whole clusters. The wine was then barrel aged for 12 months in French oak barrels.

VINTAGE NOTES

2018 was a long, moderate vintage. The winter was mild and spring cool resulting in a late bud break, followed by healthy flowering. The summer was hot and dry allowing for optimal fruit development. In August, the temperature dropped and the smoke from local wildfires blocked sunlight and delayed veraison. September was cooler, which extended growing season and allowed for a steady pace of harvesting.

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Harvest Date
September 28, 2018

Aging
12 months in French oak barrels

Cases Produced
420

Price
\$34.99 plus tax

pH
3.80

Acidity
5.2 g/l

R.S.:
0.0 g/l

Alcohol:
14.0%

INSIDER TIP: Small Cap release with just 420 cases produced.

Harvest commenced on Sept. 19 with Pinot Gris from OK Falls. Fall continued to be warm, until November. Expect nice flavour complexity, slightly restrained alcohol levels, balanced acidity and freshness.

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