

2021

A&W

Pinot Noir

Porongurup

All estate fruit. Sourced primarily from oldest plantings (1986). Matured in French oak on medium lees for 10 months. Barrel selected from several small batch treatments for final blend. 19% New oak, 25% Whole bunch.

ASSESSMENT

Colour: Bright ruby

Bouquet: Perfumed forest floor on the nose with an undercurrent of ripe strawberries. Chinese 5 spice from the whole bunch inclusion is providing lift and freshness.

Palate: A dense core of red and black berries provides the foundation of the palate. Not only does the whole bunch inclusion offer a spicy foil of complexity, keeping the flavours fresh, it creates structure across the palate through super fine tannins. This structure helps frame a wicked line of sour cherry acidity delivering drive and length. Oak char and barrel ferment produces a savoury finish.

FOOD ACCOMPLANMENT

Perfect with duck but also try with lamb, chicken and mild Asian dishes.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Will continue to improve and develop complexity with age; cellar for 10+ years.

TECHNICAL

Harvest Date: 18 March 2021 Bottling Date: 10 February 2022

Alc: 13.5% pH: 3.57 T.A: 6.2g/L Residual sugar: 0



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