




NEPENTHE

2015 'Good Doctor' Pinot Noir

THE NAME

Passionate admirer of fine Pinot Noir and Patriarch of Nepenthe, Dr Ed Tweddell, derived great pleasure from our Pinot. His untimely passing in 2005 cut short that enjoyment, but we continue his legacy with an unswerving commitment to making fine Pinot Noir in his name.

VINTAGE

Rain over winter was above average resulting in full soil profiles, ideal for the start of the growing season. Unseasonably dry and warmer than average temperatures during spring gave an early start to the growing season, and the warm conditions promoted strong even growth. Dry conditions meant that supplementary irrigation was required earlier than in a "normal" growing season. While warmer than average conditions continued throughout the early part, vine canopies continued to develop well and conditions for flowering were perfect, resulting in well formed, even bunch development. A short heat wave in early January resulted in a devastating bushfire in the Sampson Flat Area. Fortunately, the fire occurred before vines had entered veraison, as once in veraison smoke taint becomes a major issue. None of our vineyards were affected by smoke.

Following veraison in mid-January conditions changed from what is normally one of our hottest periods, to one where the temperatures were below average, and much needed rainfall was above average. Mild days and cold nights allowed the fruit to ripen more slowly.

Murray Leake – Viticulturist

WINEMAKING

This pinot was handpicked from the highest, coolest blocks. A mixture of whole bunch and de-stemmed fruit is fermented in wooden vats with minimal punch downs and pump overs. Post ferment, wine is pressed to a mixture of new and old French oak barrels. After spending approximately 9 months in barrel, individual barrels are tasted and selected for the Good Doctor Pinot blend.

Wine is bottled in January and held in bottle for 12 months prior to release.

Alex Trescowthick – Winemaker

THE WINE

Region: Adelaide Hills

Variety: Pinot Noir

Colour: Deep garnet red. The depth of colour is a reflection of the warm vintage conditions and a hint of the power to come

Bouquet: A complex mix of raspberry and cherry fruit with herbaceous notes and toasty oak characters

Palate: Ripe, juicy strawberry flavours are supported by savoury nuances with a supple texture and a long, firm finish

Alcohol: 13%

Cellaring: This wine will happily gather complexity and interest over 5–6 years in bottle

Serving suggestion: Peking duck pancakes

