

ARCHANGEL

PINOT NOIR 2014

This elegant wine is dark purple with purple hues. Perfumed aromas of violets, florals and spice together with dark cherry and hints of leather and oak char are present. The palate is inviting with sweet dark cherry, plum and blackberry flavours, with hints of savoury leather and tobacco. A complex medium bodied wine, which has ample fine grained tannin and a long lingering finish.

Peter Bartle – Winemaker

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The beauty of owning a single vineyard estate is that the wine it produces speaks of a 'place and time'. In any given vintage we never know how Mother Nature will treat us. What we do know is – no two vintages are the same!

The 2014 growing season began with cooler, wetter weather. A few frost events in October had us nervously keeping night vigil - watching and hoping the wind machines would do their bit. Unusually warm weather in November advanced the flowering a little earlier than usual but at the same time gifted us with a good even fruit set and a promise of an excellent vintage. Our meticulous approach to managing the crop levels is both an art and science – We monitor our yields carefully to ensure the right balance of fruit to canopy is achieved, whilst at the same time ensuring the vines and soils remain in good health.

The 2014 harvest resulted in showcasing wines that are elegant, balanced and show purity of fruit with bright focused flavours. Harvest commenced on 26 March and finished on 12 April.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The fruit (clones 5, 777, 113, 115 & Abel) was hand harvested from 26 March 2014 until 4 April 2014 and was destemmed into 2x7T, 2x5T & 1x4T stainless steel tanks to undergo a brief period of cold soak, before being inoculated with selected wine yeasts to carry out the fermentation. The wine was aged in French Oak barriques for 10 months, of which 27% was new oak.

TECHNICAL NOTES

- ◆ Clones: 5, 777, 113, 115 & Abel
- ◆ 100% Pinot Noir
- ◆ Harvested from 26 March 2014 to 4 April 2014
- ◆ Bottled on 16 March 2015
- ◆ 13.5% Alcohol

REVIEWS & AWARDS

- ◆ 5 Stars Raymond Chan Wine Reviews
- ◆ Silver International Wine & Spirits Competition