

Samples Sparkling Wines

Hemel-en-Aarde, South africa



Product code	GENSAMSP
Grapes	Pinot Noir
Country	SOUTH AFRICA
ABV%	13.72
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Bouchard Finlayson
Vintage	N/A



BOUCHARD FINLAYSON
A BOUTIQUE VINEYARD

Producer

This boutique winery was founded in 1989 by renowned Burgundian winemaker, Paul Bouchard and South African Pinot Noir pioneer, Peter Finlayson. Situated in the cool climate Hemel-en-Aarde Valley in Walker Bay, 110 kilometres south east of Cape Town, the 22 hectares of vineyard are laid out according to Burgundian principles and more than half are planted with Pinot Noir. Vines are densely planted at 9,000 vines per hectare and green harvesting takes place at veraison (change of colour of grape pigmentation) in order to develop flavour concentration. The vineyards have soils of a distinctive clay-rich Bokkeveld shale (gravel and shale) and the nearby, cold ocean provides a cooling effect on the land. The winery is a leader in responsible agriculture and a pioneer for the World Wide Fund for Nature Conservation. In addition to the acclaimed Pinot Noirs, Bouchard Finlayson also produce highly rated Chardonnays, Sauvignon Blancs and Rieslings.

Tasting Notes

A confident wine with a firm and polished profile of flavours without being overstated. It is classically old world with good aging potential. Peppery spice with blackberry and cherry notes, ending in a harmonious and long earthy finish.

Viticulture

One of the most significant features of 2013 was the unusually long winter of 2012 with the added challenge of a very wet October month. While this may sound adverse, it was in fact a very 'appropriate' scenario because worldwide quality wine production

Winemaking

We adopted the Burgundian model of high density planting with our Pinot Noir vineyard. Close plantings offer greater



competition between vines and consequently brighter wines with depth and colour. Fermentation is taking place in stainless steel tanks and then transferred to barrels where secondary malolactic fermentation is performed in French Oak barrels. 12 barrels were chosen for this cuvee. Matured for a total of 10 months with a compliment of 87% new oak.

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