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WAIMAUNGA

WINDBLOWN CLAYS

SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2022

From the Southern Valleys subregion, our Waimaunga Pinot Noir showcases its unique terroir with a sophisticated bouquet of ripe red cherries, plums and delicate hints of spice. On the palate, it's elegant and well-structured with silky tannins, balanced acidity and a long, lingering finish.

TECHNICAL

TERROIR

Broadbridge and Wither Clays

CLIMATE

Dry maritime with warm sunny days and cool nights.

YIELD

7 t/ha

VINE AGE

15 - 20 years old vines

ALCOHOL

14.5%

AGEING POTENTIAL

10+ years from vintage

RAINFALL

Based on growing season Oct - April
362 mm vs **LTA** 314 mm

SUNSHINE HOURS

Based on growing season Oct - April
1641 hours vs **LTA** 1614 hours

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Complements game and venison,
along with hard cheeses.

TERROIR & VITICULTURE

Named after the **ancient glaciation** period that formed this exceptional terroir, **Waimaunga** offers the purest expression of Pinot Noir from the clay soils. Following the French tradition, our vineyard is planted in **high density**. **Dry farming** and **organic practices** also allows us to ensure **natural vine balance** is achieved by stressing the vines just to the right level. This forces the roots to go deeper in the soil, obtaining the purest expression of our terroir and showing more **minerality** from the stone soils.

WINEMAKING

After **hand picking**, bunches are carefully sorted and 20% is kept as **whole cluster** while the rest is destemmed before being transferred under gravity into large French oak vats with no crushing. After spending a week **cold soaking**, natural fermentation begins. We are looking for light extraction through gentle pump overs and avoid plunging to rely on alcoholic extraction. Fermentation and post ferment maceration last up to three weeks. The wine is then **aged for 12 months** in 100% French oak barrels, 20% of which is new oak.

ACCOLADES

James Suckling
Wine Advocate

94/100
95 points

