

Firebird

Rose — 2020

Estate Grown in the
Adelaide Hills

VITICULTURE

The 2020 growing season opened with lots of promise. Good winter and spring rains in 2019 coupled with balanced yields set up the 2020 vintage as one with high potential. Our two vineyards were lucky and missed the spring frosts and poor fruit set that impacted many vineyards in the south of the Adelaide Hills. Then mother nature threw up a challenge with the Cuddle Creek fire on 19 December 2019 in the Adelaide Hills. Luckily through good block selection (our Pinot block was at least 10km from the fires) our 2020 Pinot Noir hasn't suffered from the impact of smoke taint. A cool finish to summer allowed for even ripening and concentrated flavour development as well as good natural acidity

WINEMAKING

The 2020 Pinot Noir was hand-picked from our 3 Pinot blocks on the Tunnel Hill vineyard. Three batches of grapes were harvested between 10 and 15 March 2020.

The wine is 100% Pinot Noir with the grapes being treated using the champagne pressing method to retain freshness and varietal characters. The handpicked was placed in the press as whole bunches then lightly pressed with juice extraction at lower than normal rates with only free run retained. One batch was pressed harder and longer giving the wine its pale pink salmon colour. The grape-must was then fermented in stainless steel tanks using an aromatic yeast strain to enhance and retain the traditional varietal characters.

After the completion of fermentation, the 3 batches of Pinot Noir were combined to make the Firebird Rose.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region — Adelaide Hills
Variety — Pinot Noir (100%)
Winemakers — Mark Kozned and Chris Parsons
Alcohol — 13.0%
pH — 3.2
TA — 6.7 g/L
Bouquet — On the nose the wine displays a mix of fresh red berry and strawberry characters.

Palate — The palate is dry and long with fresh strawberries and cream, red currents and a long and fine acid backbone

Cellaring — Best consumed within 24 months from bottling (July 2020)

ACCOLADES

Bronze Medal - Royal Perth wine show 2020

Bronze Medal - Royal Adelaide wine show 2020

91 points - Wine Showcase magazine November 2020

