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## 2015 ADELAIDE HILLS 'CONTOUR' PINOT NOIR

The growing season proceeding the 2015 Adelaide Hills vintage comprised a wet winter which replenished soil moisture levels, however spring and autumn were dry allowing viticulturists to manage growth and create balanced canopies. January rainfall topped up soil moisture levels. A delightful autumn of warm days and cool nights was perfect to ripen fruit that was aromatic, deep in colour, had good acidity and low alcohol levels. Pinot Noir prospered in this dry environment developing full flavours and maintaining delicate perfumes.

### TASTING NOTES -

This wine comprises three clones which are picked, fermented, and matured separately. Harvest dates were the first, sixth and ninth of March. Once delivered to the winery the grapes are then destemmed and fermented in 1 or two tonne open fermenters. The developing wine is hand plunged twice a day and once it reaches six baumé it is foot stomped by dancing girls to release juice retained in the berries.

This wine is both interesting and fun to make. Following basket pressing the clones are kept separate in oak which allows us to watch the journey of the respective clones over eighteen months. The oak is made up of a 20% new and 80% mature French barques from a range of forests.

The wine remains on yeast lees until just prior to bottling when racking and blending occur.

Our Pinot Noir is a clear ruby coloured wine of medium intensity. It has with pronounced aromas of strawberry and notes of cherry pie, underlaid with dark luscious plum and the earthy smells of fresh rain. A medium bodied wine with fine silky tannins, good acidity, and a lingering finish.

### FOOD MATCH -

This wine will pair beautifully with Asian inspired dishes, duck, and salmon.

**WINEMAKER:** Jodie Armstrong

**VINTAGE:** 2015

**VARIETY:** Pinot Noir 100%

**REGION (GI):** Adelaide Hills. Sub region: Kuitpo

**BOTTLING ANALYSIS:** Alcohol 13.5 %

**CLOSURE:** Screw Cap



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