Vintage 2011

PRODUCER 3170A AUSTRALIAN CERTIFIED ORGANIC

In the vineyard: This was an unusual year by recent standards, being relatively cold and wet. Consequently flowering was late, beginning in the third week of November, and the first signs of veraison were seen on the 25th January. The rain brought mildews and it was a constant battle to keep them at bay. Shoot-thinning was even more extensive than usual in order to maintain good air movement. The organically accredited arsenal is limited and spraying with only our usual fungicides was frequent and even continued into February under the bird netting, using a lashed up lifter on the tractor. Finally, as much as possible of the obviously diseased fruit and foliage were removed in the vineyard. The grapes were finally picked on the 1st of April.

In the winery: Despite all the work in the vineyard further sorting was necessary in the winery. Using make-shift sorting tables every bunch of Pinot Noir was examined and sorted. I was reassured to be told sorting is generally required in Burgundy, and ultimately relieved to get a small quantity of good quality grapes into one of the fermenters. The must looked good at 22.3 brix, 0.75% acid and pH 3.4, and the primary and malolactic fermentations went well, with the wine finishing with 5.4 g/l of acidity, 13.5% alcohol and a pH of 3.6.

Tasting Notes: A cool season is generally good for flavour and aromas, and so it has turned out. The resulting wine is more elegant than usual and, while different, it is regarded as very good. It has a light bright ruby-to-garnet colour with intense aromas of cherries, dried mint and spice. The palate is a balance of red fruits and spice with good length. As usual we recommend breathing before drinking. Drink to at least 2018. (A recently discovered left over box of the 1981 vintage has surprisingly turned out to be drinking brilliantly, despite less than perfect storage in a corner of the winery.)

Developments: The new fertiliser and composting regimen appears to be successful with the vine's production noticeably improved. A new tractor was purchased and the vineyard was finally surrounded by rabbit proof fencing to reduce their damage. There are a few cases of 2010 still available if anyone would like more. Wine is available for cellar door tastings and visits are welcome. Please telephone before you visit.

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Order Form

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2011 . . . . . dozen @ $490 (incl. GST) $ . . . . . .
Cartage . . . . . $ . . . . . .
Total: cheque enclosed or credit card . . . . . $ . . . . . .

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Cartage per carton including insurance & GST:
Capital Cities.....no charge
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PRINCE ALBERT PINOT NOIR 2011

1857 TO 1882, REPLANTED 1975

This wine is made from grapes hand-picked from old vines, organically grown on two hectares of a north-facing slope of red clay loam over limestone marl. The grapes were sorted then lightly crushed and fermented in open wax-lined concrete fermenters before malolactic fermentation and maturation in super fine grained French oak barriques for thirteen months. By recent standards 2011 was unusually cold and wet and overall a difficult vintage. The resulting wine has a light bright ruby to garnet colour with aromas of dried mint, cherries and spice. The palate is a balance of red fruits and spice with good length. As usual we recommend breathing before drinking. Drink from 2013 to at least 2018.

Approx. 8.6 standard drinks. Contains low level sulphur dioxide.
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13.5% ALC/VOL 750 ml. AUSTRALIAN WINE