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Bay of Fires Pinot Noir 2020

Background

The Bay of Fires wines were born of a desire to showcase the best possible cool climate varietal wines Tasmania can offer, combining fruit intensity, refinement and persistence of flavour. The 2020 Pinot Noir represents the continued evolution of this wine as we explore and develop vineyard resources. Our philosophy is to nurture elegance and develop ripe flavour profiles.

Tasting Notes

Bright, vibrant red in colour, the perfume of this wine is very complex. Sweet ripe strawberry fruit feature with Chinese spice from MV6 clone vineyards and whole bunch influence - star anise, cinnamon plum blossom. Although elegant and supple, the wine shows remarkable power, intensity and length on the palate. Framed by ripe, moderate tannin the sweet strawberry fruit is complemented but not dominated by spice. Overall the wine has wonderful poise and balance with remarkable length of flavour as all great Pinot Noirs should.

Winemaker's Notes

2020 in Tasmania was a very challenging year for viticulture. A very dry but cool lead up to December combined with constant windy conditions led to slow growth, extended flowering and poor set, resulting in low yields and significant variation in ripening within bunches. Significant rain from January right through to harvest encouraged berry split and Botrytis, keeping anxiety levels for both growers and winemakers alike on a constant high. The extended, late season and variation in bunches saw high retention of malic acid across most regions, and vineyards losing leaves earlier than we would have liked. Like in most Hen and Chicken years, Pinot Noir is very strong, with great colour and flavour intensity. A tough year to work through but with very pleasing results.

Here at Bay of Fires Winery our philosophy on Pinot Noir production is to preserve to bottle the essential characteristics of the vineyard fruit and create the highest quality blend from subregional Tasmania. Gentle handling of the fruit and wine help to achieve this, while restrained winemaking assists in developing the complexity of the final blend. Several of the vineyards we source Pinot Noir from were planted for us at carefully selected sites. These are now developing in maturity, which translates to better balance and depth of flavour in our wines. The 2020 Bay of Fires Pinot Noir exemplifies this development showing richness and elegance that is so desirable from cool climate Tasmania.

Vintage:	2020
Growing Areas:	Tasmania (Coal River Valley, Derwent River Valley & East Coast)
Grape Variety:	Pinot Noir
Winemaker:	Penny Jones
Alcohol:	13%
Cellaring:	Up to 10 years

