

LIGHTFOOT & SONS

2015 CLIFF BLOCK Pinot Noir



Single Block Our 'CLIFF BLOCK' Pinot Noir represents the highest quality, most site specific, Pinot that we make. Made from a small parcel of fruit taken from within the Cliff Block, this distinctive wine is a reflection of the intensity and power of the fruit grown at our Myrtle Point Vineyard.

Viticulture Following a mild spring with plenty of rainfall, the vines were tended and shoot-thinned to allow for a balanced, open canopy that would allow for both airflow and sunlight penetration. Flowering led to a small but quality crop of fruit throughout the vineyard. From flowering all the way through to harvest the vines were closely observed to identify the best pocket of fruit from which to produce this wine. Ultimately, this led us to an isolated section of the 'Cliff Block', a small part of the vineyard that is cane pruned. It also sits on the shallowest patch of soil in the vineyard, which keeps vine vigour low, bunch size down and berry size small. The grapes from this block had a high skin to must ratio and intense colour and fruit concentration.

Winemaking Fruit for the 2015 Cliff Block Pinot Noir was harvested at 13.0 Baumé, on the 10th of March. After a gentle de-stemming the whole berries (and about 30% whole clusters) were added to an open-top fermenter and allowed to ferment. The ferments were hand plunged twice daily to extract tannin structure and colour. Following fermentation, the wine was pressed and put into French oak barriques, of which 30% were new, with wood coming from the Allier and Chatillon forests. Coopers used were Sirugue and Bossuet. Complete Malo-lactic fermentation was undertaken. The wine was not filtered or fined prior to bottling.

The Wine A rich, dark, intense expression of Pinot Noir. Aromatic with violets, cherry and plum, this wine has a full and textured palate with superb varietal fruit character and integration even at a young age. An exceptional example of Gippsland Pinot Noir.

Reviews "Very good depth to the colour; this has the potential to become wonderfully complex over the years to come. In the meantime, its intense black cherry fruit with a savoury fringe commands respect. This is already great, but hums with potential". **95 Points**, James Halliday, www.winecompanion.com.au

"Complex. Undergrowthy. Plenty of tangy fruit, sweet and sour, with beetroot and red cherry flavours adding both life and lift. Ample acidity but the fruit and overall complexity have it covered. Pinot character abounds. Chalky tannin seals the deal. **92 Points.**" Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, March 2017.

Total Make	202 dozen.
Harvest Date	10/3/2015.
pH	3.61
T/A	8.2g/L
Alcohol	13.0 % Alc/Vol
Clone	MV6, planted in 1997.