

# CELLAR RESERVE PINOT NOIR

2022

## OVERVIEW

Penfolds Cellar Reserve wines are alternative, limited release wines that explore the innovative boundaries of viticulture, vinification and style. Penfolds Cellar Reserve Pinot Noir is sourced from two vineyards in Tasmania, the Whitehills vineyard in the Tamar Valley and a grower property in the Coal River Valley region. First made in 1997 at Magill Estate, the sourcing was originally 100% Adelaide Hills. Today, our winemakers are delighted to champion the cool climate vineyards of Tasmania. This wine was made in open fermenters with 37% whole bunch inclusion.

## GRAPE VARIETY

Pinot Noir

## VINEYARD REGION

Tasmania: Tamar Valley, Coal River Valley

## WINE ANALYSES

Alc: 13%, Acidity: 6.2 g/L, pH: 3.56

## MATURATION

Nine months in French oak barriques (47% new).

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Winter rainfall was below average, however a wetter than average October resulted in favourable soil moisture profiles leading into budburst. A series of cold fronts brought spring snow to elevated parts of the state, but there were no frost events in the vineyards. Canopy health stayed strong but not overly vigorous. Lower spring temperatures and gusty winds leading up to flowering resulted in lower than anticipated yields. Warmer summer temperatures prevailed throughout the season, however there were no days recorded >35°C. The optimal conditions during veraison ensured there was no disease pressure. Bunch weights were below average; however, quality was exceptional in both company and grower vineyards. A great vintage for Tasmanian Pinot Noir.

## COLOUR

Vibrant cerise.

## NOSE

Enticing and exotic. The quality French oak subtly making its presence known. Fruits are to the fore with a defining mulberry, bramble, fig skin/sap nuance. Toasty oak manifests with a gentle swirl to reveal chocolate hazelnut, carob, fresh bay leaf, pink peppercorns and paprika.

## PALATE

The palate is lively, elongated and succulent. Cherry stones, fresh wild white strawberry and dried strawberry dust. Sweet fruits and almond croissant pastry are balanced by a suggestion of Campari like bitterness. A savoury herbal note, bouquet garni perhaps, provides further intrigue. The tannins appear to be spun from silk. An expressive, finely poised pinot noir.

## PEAK DRINKING

Now - 2030

## LAST TASTED

March 2023

**“Penfolds pursuit of high-quality Pinot Noir has led us to the southerly island state of Tasmania, where the regions cool climate promotes slow ripening and the development of optimal varietal character.”**

**- Tom Shanahan, Penfolds Winemaker**

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