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WINDBLOWN CLAYS

SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2013

From the Southern Valleys subregion, our Waimaunga Pinot Noir showcases its unique terroir. A fine, pure and elegant nose, with cherry, blackcurrant aromas and a hint of spice. Subtle oak emerges on a layered savoury palate balancing the juicy dark fruit, all surrounded by a silky structure and generous tannins.

TECHNICAL

TERROIR

Broadbridge and Wither Clays

CLIMATE

Dry maritime with warm sunny days and cool nights.

YIELD

6 t/ha

VINE AGE

8 - 13 years old vines

ALCOHOL

15%

AGEING POTENTIAL

12+ years from vintage

RAINFALL

647mm

SUNSHINE HOURS

Based on growing season Oct - April

1551 hours vs **LTA 1614 hours**

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Herb crusted lamb cutlets or
sumac & cumin chargrilled venison

TERROIR & VITICULTURE

Named after the **ancient glaciation** period that formed this exceptional terroir, **Waimaunga** offers the purest expression of Pinot Noir from the clay soils. Following the French tradition, our vineyard is planted in **high density**. **Dry farming** and **organic practices** also allows us to ensure **natural vine balance** is achieved by stressing the vines just to the right level. This forces the roots to go deeper in the soil, obtaining the purest expression of our terroir and showing more **minerality** from the stone soils.

WINEMAKING

After **hand picking**, bunches are carefully sorted and 20% is kept as **whole cluster** while the rest is destemmed before being transferred under gravity into large French oak vats with no crushing. After spending a week **cold soaking**, natural fermentation begins. We are looking for light extraction through gentle pump overs and avoid plunging to rely on alcoholic extraction. Fermentation and post ferment maceration last up to three weeks. The wine is then **aged for 12 months** in 100% French oak barrels, 20% of which is new oak.



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REVIEWS

TASTED OCTOBER 2024

BOB CAMPBELL

95 PTS

Relatively youthful wine with dried rose petal, raspberry, forest floor and black currant bud flavours. The wine opened up significantly as it sat in the glass, making it a prime candidate for aeration.

MICHAEL COOPER

Highly impressive. Weighty, with concentrated plum, spice and nut flavours, a hint of earthiness adding complexity, and good tannin support. Excellent vigour, density and structure. Lovely now, but likely to peak 2026+.

