



Land of Hope Reserve Pinot Noir 2013 *Stellenbosch & Elgin*



Several parcels over four individual vineyard sites are used in producing this wine. The first two at altitude on the cooler mountain slopes of Elgin, the second two on the ocean-facing hilltops in the Stellenbosch-Helderberg area, facing directly into the False Bay Atlantic breezes. The vines are mostly Dijon clones and density, trellising and canopy management conducted in such a manner that the more subtle characters of Pinot could be best expressed. Green harvest thinning was carried-out sufficiently early in the growing cycle, allowing for focused development of a smaller yield (+/- 38hl / ha). Attention was paid to retaining natural acidity, minerality and purity of fruit.

After a cold and wet winter, the spring that preceded the 2013 harvest started with sunny hot days and budbreak was quite even. The growing season was warm and dry and very little disease pressure was encountered. The ripening period and the lead up to harvest were marked by cool night time temperatures which helped to ripen the grapes slowly and evenly. The resulting beautiful fruit of 2013 translated into a wine with wonderful balance, purity and freshness.

This is not a Pinot for those who think good red wine needs to be black, oaky and tannic. It is a fragrant, bright and refreshing Pinot with wonderful succulence and expressive fruitiness. The successful combination of its earthy, mineral & red berry characters make for a really lovely drinking Pinot, at a very reasonable price. Quite an uncommon combination in these parts for this most magnificent of varieties ...

Alcohol: 13 % by volume

PH: 3.57

Residual sugar: 1.9 g/l

Total acidity: 4.95 g/l