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2015 PINOT NOIR

Chapel Valley Vineyard

CRFT Wines is a boutique family-owned & operated winery & vineyard, run by winemakers Candice Helbig & Frewin Ries in the Piccadilly Valley, Adelaide Hills.

We are committed to crafting unique, single-site wines that champion the specific locations in which they were grown.

Each of our wines is handmade and is a true reflection of place and time. We hope you enjoy drinking our wines as much as we have enjoyed making them.



The Vineyard

Chapel Valley Vineyard is owned and farmed by Sam Virgara.

Site location: Piccadilly Valley - Adelaide Hills
Map coordinates: -34.974428,138.737142
Clones: 114 & 115
Planted: 2000
Elevation: 490 meters
Aspect: South facing
Rows: 10 to 14
Harvest: 26th March 2015
Tonnes: 2.51T

Soil: Grey sandy loam with a gravel mix, clay subsoil.

The Wine

Hand-picked & gently destemmed to retain whole berries with 20% whole bunches. 5-day cold soak prior to fermentation in stainless steel open-top tank. Gently foot-waded at the beginning of fermentation to mix must & preserve whole berries, then hand plunged twice daily once cap has risen, 14 days on skins. Matured for 10 months in 100% French oak Barriques, 15% new oak. Lees stirred in barrel for 2 months. Unfined, unfiltered, vegan. Bottled 15th February 2016 - 168 dozen produced.

The Wine

Leeks grew on this gravelly south facing slope until Sam Virgara decided to plant what is now one of the best Pinot Noir vineyards in the Piccadilly Valley. The coolness of this south facing site always produces our most textural Pinot Noir, and often the lightest in colour. Orange-peel and spearmint showing again this year, a unique Chapel Valley character we see every year, as well as the abundant fresh blueberries and strawberry. Bright and lively, elegant as always, with a silky textural mouthfeel.

Drinking... Ready to drink upon release or cellar to 2026. Perhaps beyond.
Alcohol 13.5% alc/vol
RRP \$39
Release date: Sept 2016