

abel's tempest tasmania

by heemskerk

pinot noir 2012

Through the violent tempests that raged around the coast of Tasmania, Dutchman Abel Tasman navigated his flagship, the Heemskerk, finally sighting the island's west coast in 1642. Many of Tasman's attempts were thwarted by these huge winds which, while frustrating Tasman, are integral to creating the cool climate that Tasmania's vineyards thrive in.

This pinot noir embodies the purity of Tasmania's fruit. Bright cherry red with a fresh, floral nose, this highly aromatic wine is supported by a soft and supple palate with delicate French oak character.



Peter Munro **winemaker comments**

vintage conditions: Yields were low due to poor fruit and severe isolated Spring frosts. The summer was mild and warm except for some cold spells in January, before the Indian summer arrived and glorious autumn days resulted in quality Pinot Noir fruit.

grape variety: Pinot Noir.

maturation: 10 months in new and seasoned French Oak (20% new)

colour: Vibrant cherry red.

nose: Primary fruits dominate the nose with aromas of sour cherry, strawberry and red current, all complimented by a line of gentle spice.

palate: The palate is medium bodied and fruit driven with overwhelming cherry flavours supported and balanced with subtle toasty oak.

vineyard region: Tasmania

harvest date: April 2012

wine analysis: Alc/Vol: 13.5%,
Acidity: 5.9g/L, pH: 3.57
Residual Sugar: 0.2g/L

bottling date: June 2013.

peak drinking: 2013 - 2016.