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Derwent Valley Pinot Noir 2010

Heemskerk was an integral player in developing Tasmania's wine industry, long before the island reached its current state of popularity. Graham Wiltshire established the Heemskerk vineyard in 1975 and today the label looks a little further afield, making wines that reflect some of Tasmania's best vineyard sites.

The 2010 Heemskerk Derwent Valley Pinot Noir was sourced from the Lowestoft Vineyard on the Derwent River, just north of Hobart. The river provides a tempering effect on diurnal temperature fluctuations, allowing very slow but even development of colour, tannins and flavour - perfect for Pinot Noir! The vines are 20 years old and undergo fastidious canopy management and bunch thinning during the season to ensure even ripening.

Heemskerk winemaker Anna Pooley is part of the next generation of young Tasmanian winemakers who have accepted the baton and continue to attract attention on the international wine stage.

Winemaker Comments Anna Pooley

Vineyard Region

Derwent Valley, Tasmania

Vintage Conditions

Tasmania's 2010 vintage followed four years of drought and saw a welcome return to heavy winter rains. This led to excellent growth and fruit-set during spring. Excellent weather throughout summer gave Tasmania ideal conditions for an exceptional quality vintage.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date

pH 3.6

Acidity 5.3g/L

Alcohol 14%

Residual Sugar 0.5g/L

Bottling Date

Peak Drinking Now to 5 years

Grape Variety

100% Pinot Noir

Maturation

38% New French oak and 62% seasoned French oak for 12 months.

Colour

Garnet red.

Nose

An amalgam of flavours, initially forest floor, black earth and hazelnut praline underpinned by dark cherry, stewed rhubarb and brambly fruits.

Palate

Medium weight with dark cherry and strawberry and rhubarb compote finishing with understated mocha oak and a fine, long silky tannin structure. A wine with wonderful length and persistence of flavour.