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2008 Brokenwood Indigo Vineyard Pinot Noir

Variety: Pinot Noir
Region: Beechworth - VIC

Winemakers Comments:

The 2002 Pinot Noir grapes were the first off the new Indigo Vineyard at Beechworth and a stunning vintage for a debut. This is now the sixth release of a Single Vineyard Pinot Noir. A combination a dry winter followed by a hot dry summer meant low crops.

With Brokenwood being Hunter Valley based, Pinot Noir is not a style that we are readily associated with. However, five vintages of Yarra Valley Pinot Noir in the early 1990's and then our involvement with Seville Estate from 1997 has meant that a few techniques have been picked up.

Vinification:

The season meant ripe grapes at picking, so retention of fruit character was important. This involved cold soak of the must for a few days and including approximately 10% whole bunches in the ferment. No post ferment maceration was under taken. Oak maturation was in predominantly used French oak barriques and bottled at the 12 month mark. This is a blend of the 3 clones 114, 115 & MV6.

Tasting Notes:

A robust looking Pinot Noir – not a pale, light dry red one! Great colour and youthful purple tints evident. Great complexity to the aromas. Lifted dark cherry, dark chocolate over sweet earthy characters. Some vanillin oak in the background. As expected at 14.0% alcohol a full-bodied palate but the richness of the fruit more than compensates. Dark fruit and brandied pudding flavours. The balance is aided by ripe tannins and a lingering finish. This will mature further, although enjoyable as a rich young Pinot Noir.

Food:

Duck, quail and steak tartare.

Technical Data:

Alcohol	14.0%
pH	3.43
Acidity	6.0g/L
Residual Sugar	nil
Availability:	750ml
RRP:	A\$35.00

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