



french island vineyards

ESTATE GROWN & HANDMADE
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Ile de Francais

RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2019

VITICULTURE

100% Estate grown and handpicked from our Long Point vineyard.

Vine Clone: MV6, 114, 115, Abel, Pommard

Harvest date: 26 February 2019 (114, 115), 12 March 2019 (MV6, Abel, Pom)

Site selection: The grapes were picked from the easterly facing (N/S) aspect on our single Long Point vineyard on young vines aged 4 years (planted 2016). It is a maritime climate that allows fresh sea breezes to provide good air flow to our fruit and the first light of the day for maximum sunshine.

Vintage Notes: 2019 vintage was an excellent vintage with cool, wet days and mild nights that continued from veraison to harvest. A later picked grape, blended with the best of the barrels from clones MV6, 114, 115, Abel, Pommard. Fruit was picked in excellent condition, with high colour intensity and flavor expression.

WINEMAKING

Skin contact time: 8 days

Yeast type: Natural wild from vineyard

Fermentation Time: 6 days

Malo-lactic ferment: 80%

pH: 114, 115 = 3.60 MV6 = 3.36

Alcohol: 14.4%

Cooperage: Francois Freres, Mercury barrels

Vessel type, age and size: French Oak 15% new with a combination of barrique (225L). Medium and Standard Toast effect barrels. New oak.

WINEMAKER NOTES

This next level Pinot Noir is produced from a different selection of fruit parcels and the best of the barrel combinations. It displays full mouth velvety tannins with rich forest floor earthy tones with secondary characteristics of toffee and molasses. A courageous refined earthy spiced Pinot that will become more complex over time.