



BELLBRAE ESTATE



2018 Bellbrae Estate

'Bird Rock' Pinot Noir , *Geelong, VIC*

Background

We have named our premium Bellbrae Estate wines after our local Surf Breaks. Bird Rock is a right-handed reef break to the West of Jan Juc beach. It was so named due to the free-standing rock between the reef & the shore. Great peak waves that produce a short but excellent ride when its pumping. The surf coast is the ideal place for Pinot Noir, with its cool nights, fertile soil, ample rain and a cool, maritime climate that rarely sees frost. Like Bird Rock, this region is known for producing an excellent barrel... of Pinot Noir.

Winemaking

Hand-picked, crushed and fermented in 3 tonne open fermenters, with 50% whole bunches. One third matured in new French oak barriques and the balance in 1 year old barriques, all for 12 months on fine lees.

Tasting Note

Another classic from the Bird Rock stable. This Pinot Noir exhibits damson and truffle notes with a streak of leafy whole bunch ferment character. Red berries abound on the palate along with the same deep plum notes that are present on the bouquet. It is graceful, fine and has a bit of new school sass thrown in. If you like it bold, ripe and youthful then drink in the next 2-4 years. For more mature characters, buy it and lay down – the Bird Rock has a reputation for rewarding time spent in the cellar.

Technical

Grape:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard Clone:	MV6 and 114
Soil:	Buckshot Sandy Loam
Location:	Bellbrae Estate, Geelong Region
Oak Treatment:	33% New & 66% 1yr French Barriques for 12 months
Wine Analysis:	Alc = 12.5%, pH: 3.52, TA: 6.7g/l
Production:	172 dozen