

GREAT SOUTHERN \_\_\_\_\_\_ WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# TASTING NOTES

## 2019 Singlefile 'Small Batch' Porongurup Pinot Noir Small Batch Project: #8

### VINEYARD & WINEMAKING

The 2019 season saw lower rainfall and a later ripening season than usual. While a challenging vintage for some varieties, 2019 ended up being a fantastic season for Pinot Noir for those that have been diligent in the vineyard management and had the kind touch of Mother Nature.

Produced from fruit planted on a mature Pinot Noir vineyard in the Porongurup sub-region of the Great Southern, the fruit is a mix of three clones, being 777, 114 and 115. At harvest the fruit was handpicked and chilled overnight to prevent oxidation and to retain the vineyard's natural flavours. Approximately 40% of the fruit was whole-*bunch* pressed into a small open fermenter. The fruit was hand plunged twice daily and pressed after seven days on the skins – roughly halfway through ferment, which was completed in a new French oak hogshead following regular batonage. It was aged on full yeast solids. This wine wasn't fined or filtered (only natural settling) before bottling.

#### THE WINE

On the nose expect a blend of aromatics that include strawberries, cranberries and cherries with subtle smoky oak and dark chocolate characters.

The palate displays a well-structured and complex Pinot Noir. It is a wine with good intensity where the red fruits, oak and dark chocolate characters are joined with nice herbaceous and savoury notes with subtle chalky tannins. It has a very long after taste. This wine is drinking well now but will reward with patience.

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

