

100%  
ESTATE GROWN

## IN THE VINEYARDS

Walker Bay is synonymous with outstanding Pinot Noir. Nudged by the Bot River lagoon with vistas of the Atlantic Ocean, the vineyards enjoy cool daytime temperatures that drop even more at night. A beneficial diurnal range aids in even ripening and complexity, ushering the development of delicate fruit notes, fine tannin, structure and bright acidity. Maritime winds encourage healthy vines that need minimal intervention.

**Slope:** South and southwest facing vineyards | **Soil:** Predominantly weathered shale, clay, and iron laterites | **Clones:** PN 115 & PN 777

## CHARACTER

This wine is a true impression of a vintage, packed with layers of fruit and intricate flavour nuances that makes you want to go back for more. The wine keeps you on the edge of your seat and surprises you with a medley of aromas that includes plum, mulberry, violet, and chocolate with a cool and earthy edge of fennel and dried origanum.

## PERSONALITY

Expect an intriguing wine where the fruit is balanced with an umami character that makes this wine bold in flavour but with the finesse that Pinot Noir for known for. Turkish delight and baking spice suit the soft, creamy tannin and lean acidity with whiffs of violet that announce its cool climate home.

**Alc:** 14.21% | **pH:** 3.59  
**TA:** 5.84 g/l | **RS:** 2.6 g/l

## IN THE CELLAR

Grapes were handpicked at optimal potential, followed by bunch and berry sorting. A four-day cold soak encouraged maximum fruit and colour extraction. The 10% whole bunches with the balance being whole berries were inoculated, followed by gentle punch-downs twice a day. After alcoholic fermentation, it was pressed, settled, and transferred to a barrel for malolactic fermentation where it was kept until before bottling.

**Maturation:** 10 months; 35% new French oak barrels

**Production:** 21 barrels

## BEST TO ENJOY

Elegant yet powerful, this wine invites both savoury and sweet dishes.

**Cellar potential:** five years from vintage. **Serving temperature:** 12°C -14°C

**Springbok carpaccio with balsamic reduction** | **Aubergine lasagne** | **White chocolate truffles.**

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Our style of Pinot Noir is aiming at red fruit, soft and elegant style of Pinot Noir. While it's made in a style to enjoy now the 2019 vintage will age gracefully to show even more varietal charm in years to come. I recommend cellaring a few bottles for later appreciation as the wine evolves with time.

~ Cellar Master, Johann Fourie

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