

## CUVEE RIKA PINOT NOIR 2018

AROMA PROFILE – Elegant, charming, with a slight floral with an abundance of ripe red berries and subtle spices on the nose, which follow through on the palate where it marries perfectly with a savoury meatiness and a lingering finish.

TERROIR – The fruit for this exceptional Pinot Noir is sourced from a single vineyard in the Elgin Valley. Historically known as apple country, it has become renowned for bringing out the best in Pinot Noir, that thrives in the stable and naturally cooler climate it provides.

VITICULTURE – A minimum interference approach is taken in the vineyards to get a true reflection of the unique terroir of the cooler Elgin Climate. A single-vineyard wine meticulously cared for by hand.

VINIFICATION – This wine has been naturally fermented in small open top fermenters with no enzymes, preservatives, or stabilisers. After natural yeast fermentation in small open tanks, the wine spent 14-15 months in a combination of 10% new and seasoned French oak. Although it drinks well now, it will reward careful cellaring; note that due to the very natural way in which the wine is produced, it may develop a harmless sediment over time.

ORIGIN – Elgin

WINEMAKER – Jasper Raats.

Over the past decade, Jasper has built an international reputation for crafting outstanding wines such as Sauvignon and Pinot from the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, but more particularly for his seven years of winemaking efforts in New Zealand. Crafting very individualistic wines “that I like and can make without any restrictions or guidelines” has been a natural progression, two years after returning to South Africa.

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