

Laissez Faire

Laissez-Faire means "let it be" and this reflects our hands off approach.

Whilst we've learnt from organics, biodynamics and natural wine practices, we're not dictated by one school of thought. We don't subscribe to dogma. You could call them natural wines, but we like to think of them as "post natural wines".

We believe in healthy and sustainable vineyard practices, and a winemaking transparency with as little as possible between the vine and finished wine.

Whereas a lot of wines presented as "natural" can be sourced from chemically cultivated vines without accountability, we grow all our own grapes. Our Grenache and Syrah vines are dry grown. And whilst copper is allowed in organic viticulture, we use minimal copper treatments.

In our Laissez-Faire winemaking, there's no added tannin, or acid, or animal fining products. There is zero sulfur use throughout the winemaking, and only a minimal amount at bottling. We're using alternate varieties and blends to make naturally balanced wines. From vine to bottle, the wine takes its course, hands free.

2018 Pemberton Pinot Noir

THE VINTAGE:

A dry start to the winter followed by good spring rainfall. The summer was mild with temperatures below 30c throughout the entire season which resulted in some of the best pinot noir in decades. All white varieties are marked by lively acidity back by strong flavours and textures resulting in very well balanced wines.

Vintage Rating—9.5/10

THE WINE MAKING:

Fruit was handpicked and sorted. Fermentation was carried out in small lot fermenters. Moderate extraction was aimed for to ensure that the vineyard characters were fully expressed. The wine was matured in one year old oak for six months.

THE WINE:

Aromas of beetroot and earth with black cherry, red flowers and oak delivered spices. The tannins are fine and soft with a fine acidity finishing with flavours of black cherry and earthy beetroot.

DRINK WITH:

Roast chicken or duck.

Vineyard Channybearup Year Planted 2004 Location Pemberton, WA Vines per Hectare 2200 Irrigation Yes

Clone/s 667 Rootstock Own Aspect North Soils Sandy Loam Origin Pemberton, WA Variety Pinot Noir Picking date April 2018 Sugar at picking 13.8 °Baume Alcohol 14.3% 3.7 Total acidity 5.60 g/L Residual sugar $0.5\,\mathrm{g/L}$ **Bottled**

December 2018 **Cellaring Potential** 5+ years

Vegan Yes Vegetarian Yes Organic N/A Biodynamic N/A Allergens Low Sulphites