PINOT NOIR 2019

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 growing season began well with unseasonably warm weather and low rainfall during flowering, bunch closure and veraison. The low yielding Pinot Noir vines responded well and reached good ripeness levels. At the end of August, the potential for another exceptional harvest was promising. Even with the amount of rain that fell during September and October the grapes had the ideal amount of time on the vine to achieve full maturation of the grape tannins and complex phenolic development.

THE VINEYARDS

Danbury Ridge is located South East of the village of Danbury in Essex. The county has the highest growing season temperatures and lowest rainfall in the UK combined with some of the highest terrestrial suitability for viticulture. The Estate is situated between the Blackwater estuary to the north and the river Crouch to the south which have significant influence over the favourable climate for winegrowing enjoyed in the region. This wine is selected from the Sleipnir Block, the most easterly region of the Estate where the soils are a mix of loam and carbonate rich clay. The vineyard experiences cool days and warm nights providing ideal conditions for producing fresh and fragrant wines.

VINIFICATION

The fruit was handpicked and sorted in the vineyard and winery. 90% of the fruit was destemmed but no crushing to maintain whole berries. Using gravity the grapes were transferred to open-top fermenters for cold soak. Temperatures were allowed to increase naturally. After fermentation, wine was transferred to barrels for MLF, battonage and 10 months ageing. The wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- Barrel aged: 100% French oak for 10 months
- pH: 3.51
- TA: 6.08 g/L
- Alcohol: 13%

TASTING NOTE

Displaying an array of ripe red fruit aromas with highlights of cherries, hints of smokiness and spice add complexity to the nose. The palate has a juicy acidity and fine tannins lending to a refreshingly long finish.

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