



# Barton

## A taste of nature...

### Pinot Noir Rosé 2017:

#### VITICULTURE:

Barton's vineyards (latitude 34 degrees south) lie in the Botriver Valley on the cooler south slopes of the Kogelberg, some 180 metres above sea level, absorbing the cooling Atlantic breezes from Walker Bay eleven miles distant. The cool sea breeze lowers disease incidence and aids in good colour formation. The frost free moderate cool climate and southerly aspect gives a slow and extended grape ripening period preserving the flavours and aiding phenolic ripeness of the grape. Temperatures in the growing season average between 19 and 22 degrees centigrade. The dominant soil formation is gravely coarse sand with ferruginised quartzite gravel overlying soft weathered Table Mountain sandstone with clay patches. Average annual rainfall is 550 mm.

#### VINIFICATION:

The grapes were handpicked in the cool of the early morning at optimum ripeness, crushed, destalked and selected at Barton Cellar prior to being subjected to a gentle press. The juice (or must) was settled at 10°C then racked prior to fermentation. The juice was handled as reductively as possible. Fermentation temperature was kept at 12°C. The fermentation was completed after 24 days and the wine was left on the lees for 1 month before racking and bottling.

#### TASTING NOTES:

A very sexy glass of wine! Onion skin in colour which delivers bright acidity and soft, subtle aromas of crabapple, watermelon, raspberries, strawberries, and wet stone. Earthy-but-elegant that are cool, crisp, and dry, and would be delightful with a fresh Thai green salad or a festive crab feed on the beach.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Winemaker/ Viticulturist:	P J Geyer
Blending:	100% Pinot Noir
Style:	Old world French
Bottling:	6500 x 750 ml bottles.
Oak:	Unwooded
Wine of Origin:	Botriver
Yield:	5 tons/ha
Balling at picking:	22°B
Alcohol:	13.0%
Residual Sugar:	2.5 g/L
Total Acid:	6.8 g/L
PH:	3.28

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