



2005 Ten Minutes By Tractor Pinot Noir



The Vineyard...

Good winter rains, with follow-up rainfall during spring through to January. Perfect weather through the second half of February until well into April meant an early vintage. Acid and flavour development were excellent.

Brix::pH::TA 23.7° (13.2° Baumé) :: 3.48 :: 7.3 g/l
 Vineyards::Clones Wallis, McCutcheon :: MV6
 Harvest date 6-7 April 2005
 Yield 2.82 tonnes/ha (1.1 t/acre, ~16.9hl/ha)

The Winery...

Winemakers :: Richard McIntyre & Martin Spedding

Winemaking Totally destemmed, macerated for 3 days pre-ferment. A 100% wild yeast ferment was completed (total 20 days on skins) before the wine was pressed and put into French oak barriques. 100% natural MLF in barrel. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Alcohol 13.5% (8.0 standard drinks/750ml bottle)
 Residual sugar Dry (0.39 g/l)
 Malolactic 100%
 Aging::Oak 16 months :: 30% new French oak (Sirugue, François Freres)
 Production Bottled 4 August 2006 :: screwcap
 Finished pH::TA 3.55 :: 6.6 g/l

The Tasting Room...

Release Date :: April 2007

Tasting notes Bright translucent garnet red in colour with an alluringly perfumed nose of ripe griotte cherry, raspberry, dark roses, Asian spice and a savoury touch of freshly turned earth and roasted baby beetroot. Equally complex and layered on the palate with sweet red fruit, spice and earthy complexity balanced by firm acidity and silky, fine-grained tannins. With delicious intensity and length, this is a delight to drink now and has the structure and intensity to age well, developing more savoury secondary complexity.

Food::Temperature Perfect with barbequed quail or spicy Moroccan duck. Serve at 14–17°C.
 Best drinking Drinking well now, but will develop more through 2012-2015

Reviews...

Very good hue, slightly deeper than the other pinots; a powerful wine, with lots of texture and structure to the intense fruit; needs time to settle down. Drink to 2011.

94 :: James Halliday :: 2008 Australian Wine Companion

This winery is on song. This is a terrific release: tight, flavoursome, ripped with acid, powerful but every bit varietal. It's light in colour, and yet the flavour is quite big...one of the wonders of pinot. It has sweet, beguiling, Turkish Delight-like aromatics, lots of fresh strawberry and cherry, a twiggy sourness and a good deal of length. No doubt this is very high quality. Drink 2010-2016.

94 :: Campbell Mattinson :: 28 June 2007 :: Winefront

This is a forceful, libidinous wine with an assertive manner and ever so slightly brazen dark fruit flavours. It is much easier to let it have its way with your senses rather than stand up to what is after all the inevitable thought that everything in life ought to be ten minutes by tractor from here.

Matthew Jukes :: May 2007 :: 2007 Top 100 Australian Wines