



River's Edge Pinot Noir – 2016

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.... There are many incarnations of this esoteric wine variety and two of the most divergent are produced right here in Godzone. Who can resist the juicy, smooth, fruit driven styles which burst with lusciousness and befriend the masses with an undeniable charm offensive? Right? However, when you are alone of an evening by the fire and discover for yourself the subtlety, texture, power and raw animality of a truly ethereal Pinot Noir, a tryst will take place which will sweep you off your feet and a seduction will begin for which there is no cure.

From the first surreptitious glance, the fiery hue will brighten the darkest of days. On the nose primary notes of preserved cherry and soured plum mingle coyly with dried oregano, char-grilled aubergine and the twiggy bush-line aromas of the wild earth. Dark blackberry, rich black iodine and sweet boiled lolly mask a snide undercurrent of brooding deceit; a musky place of brambles and nightshade where small prickly animals may have lurked. Rough sawn timbers and salty liquorice also linger.

This wine is built tough. A foundation of smouldering coals forms the robust base which holds aloft red brambly fruits and chunky beetroot cubes. The tannins are gentle yet drying with the gritty quality of sand in a picnic lunch. A very textural wine it has one foot on the platform and the other foot on the train as if torn between modesty and flamboyance. With the power and concentration of an imploded fruit bomb it will leave you dazed and smiling long after the glow from the embers has died away.

Technical Information

Harvest date:	31 Mar - 14 April 2016	Residual Sugar:	Nil
Brix at Harvest:	22.3– 24.4	Bottling Date:	17 Jul 2018
Final Alcohol:	14.0%	Release Date:	1 Oct 2018
pH:	3.45	Cellaring:	2 to 7 years
Total Acidity:	5.862g/l		

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