



lonely shore

2020 Pinot Noir
200 doz made
pH/TA: 3.49/5.38
R/S: 0.28g/L
Alc: 13.5%
Picked: 11 Feb 2020
Bottled: 22 Oct 2020
GI: Manjimup

Vineyard

DeiTos vineyard is located on an elevated clearing in the Middlesex subregion, 6km south east of the town of Manjimup on the family property of Fabio & Katrina DeiTos. Established in 1996, the vineyard is planted east west and is dry farmed on a complex mix of karri and jarrah loams over deep gravels.

2020 was a warm dry season resulting in the earliest harvest on record. Low yields and small compact bunches made for a concentrated and structured wine.

Winemaking

Fruit is handpicked, cold soaked and fermented in two parcels. A whole bunch component was fermented separately which contributed 20% to the final blend. It is then basket pressed and gravity movement is used as much as possible. It spends 8 months in French oak (10% new), combination of puncheons and hogsheads. Bottled unfinned and coarse filtered.

Tasting Note

Vibrant deep ruby. Seductive dark cherry, briar, sweet earth and chai perfume. The juicy palate shows ripe strawberry, satsuma plum, spice and faint malt. Supple mid palate, emery board tannin and cranberry acidity leads to a mouth-watering finish.

Reviews

"It's a smoky, reductive, complex release. Bunchy but with boysenberry and red/black cherry fruit flavour running energetically throughout. There are herb and spice notes aplenty here, along with juicy acidity, and very, very fine tannin. It has plenty to say now, plenty that impresses, but its best is ahead of it, arguably. Most notable about this release is its balance; of all the various facets. - 93 points, Campbell Mattinson - The Wine Front

"Hand-picked fruit from the DeiTos vineyard (planted 1996), 20% whole bunches, matured for 8 months in French oak (20% new). As is usual for this vineyard, the fruit is on the darker end of the spectrum: mulberry, black licorice, black cherry and exotic spice. The palate is structured, tannic and a wee bit grungy, propped up by a stemmy, bunchy character mid palate that lifts it way up. The acidity is cooling and woven through the finish. Another very smart release from Lonely Shore. - GOLD 95 points, Erin Larkin - Halliday Wine Companion