



### **First Ever Howard Park Scotsdale Pinot Noir**

The Howard Park Scotsdale Pinot Noir from the 2002 vintage is the first ever Pinot Noir produced by Howard Park Wines.

This new release is produced from the new clones 114 and 115, isolated by Dijon University, France from the best Burgundian vineyards. The new clones have introduced a superior depth of flavour, structure, richness and textural intensity.

This wine is sourced from Pinot Noir grown in the low yielding premium vineyards in the cool climate of Denmark, a sub-region of the Great Southern.

The hand picked fruit used to produce the wine has allowed a number of techniques to be employed in the winery. A proportion of whole bunches was left in the ferment, introducing a complex carbonic maceration character. In addition cold soaking of the fruit prior to fermentation allowed a more elegant extraction of colour and structure. The majority of the fruit was fermented in hand plunged, one tonne fermenters.

The elegance and complexity of the wine is further enhanced by barrel maturation in a blend of new and older French oak barriques.

Produced in tiny quantities, this wine has been some ten years in the making and is available for sale from the cellar door and mail order only.

'This wine will surprise many people who doubted the potential of the variety', says Howard Park winemaker, Michael Kerrigan.

Released for sale in October 2003 this wine is already highly acclaimed by many wine critics. Receiving 93 points from Campbell Mattinson he says the wine is '...enormously fragrant and long-flavoured, with a pour of sweet, malty oak matched to a deliciously slippery slide of smoke-infused sour cherry fruit flavour. It's ripe but cool. Its tannins are remarkably well formed. It's a stand out'.

The difficulties of growing Pinot Noir and the marginal nature of the climate in Denmark means that Howard Park is unlikely to make this wine every year but nevertheless this wine is a very exciting start to what will be a long line of quality Pinot Noir.

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