



— TWO — PADDOCKS

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TWO PADDOCKS PINOT NOIR ROSÉ 2021

TASTING NOTES

The Last Chance is a beautifully sited two-hectare terrace perched in bright clear air above the Earnsclough Valley, carefully planted with well-tended Burgundian clone pinot noir. It nestles amongst a small cluster of the World's most southerly vineyards and takes its name from the watercourse that runs through its heart, hand dug by gold miners in the 1860s, The Last Chance. Soils are raw schist gravels that are low in fertility and require careful nurturing.

VINTAGE COMMENT

Vintage 2021 was characterised by climatic variation extremes throughout spring and early summer and then developing into a fantastic finish, with a long stable mid-summer / autumn warm period, right up to and over harvest. At the start of the season, a cold winter continued into a dry warm spring with steady vine shoot growth. The grapes flowered over December 2020, which was warmer than last year but with intermittent rain that resulted in only half the vineyard blocks achieving desired crop loads. The first week of January saw a significant rain event and that set the vineyards up with optimum soil moisture levels for the rest of the season. There was some typical early and late in the season frost fighting, but the vine canopies stayed resilient and green with harvest starting a week earlier than typical on the 30th of March and finishing on the 22nd April.

Hand harvested on April 2021 from the Gate Block and Patricia's Block at The Last Chance Vineyard – one of the most Southern vineyards in the world. The pinot noir chosen is all Clone 6 and Abel, which we believe offers the most berry fruit flavour and elegance for the rosé style that Sam most enjoys drinking.

All the grapes were gently de-stemmed at the winery and then the juice was given four days on the pigment imbuing pinot skins to soak up the deeper berry colours and aromatics. Then the juice was fermented to dry and left on fine lees, 90 % in a stainless-steel tank and 10% in older oak, for four months to build texture.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Bright redcurrant, maraschino cherry and spicy musk aromatics lead to a rich warmly textured mouthfeel showing elegance, freshness and drive.

Proprietor: Sam Neill

Viticulturist: Mike Wing

Winemaker: Dean Shaw

Bottled: August 2021

Total Production: 211 cases

Cellaring: 2021 - 2023

pH 3.20 -- TA 6.6 g/l

Alc 13.5%

