



# MEERLUST

## PINOT NOIR 2019

### VITICULTURE

Selected from 3 vineyard blocks, situated on loamy gravel topsoil with clay sub-soil. The vineyards are located at the highest point on the Estate (85-120m) with Northwest facing aspect to benefit from the cool, maritime breeze from False Bay. 30% vendage vert (green harvesting cluster removal) at 80% veraison to ensure concentration and even ripening.

### VINIFICATION

Grapes were handpicked on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January in the coolness of the morning. 30% Whole bunches were manually transferred into fermentation tanks and filled with crushed grapes. Inoculation with selected yeast strain took place with careful pigeage twice daily before pressing into French oak tight grained Hogsheads for malo-lactic fermentation. Maturation took place in barrel with 57% being new French oak and 43% being second fill for 10 months.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine shows a vibrant garnet colour with a youthful appearance. On the nose the wine shows pronounced lifted floral perfume with a brooding and seductive red berry fruit, earthy, wild mushrooms and hints of spice.

On the palate there are very pure Pinot fruit flavours on entry with red cherry and musk flavours coupled with fresh acidity. The wine has layered complexity with great elegance and finesse. Very fine lacy, almost powdery tannin on the finish.

### ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar	:	1.5 g/l
pH	:	3.62
Total acidity	:	5.3 g/l
Alcohol	:	12.89%

### AGEING POTENTIAL

Up to 2025 provided wine is stored in ideal cellar conditions.

### IDEALLY SERVED AT

16° - 18°C

### COMPLEMENTS

White and red meats, duck, Parma ham, grilled line fish, tuna, wild mushrooms and traditional cheeses.