



BANNOCKBURN VINEYARDS



Pinot Noir 2014

Bannockburn Vineyards was established by Stuart Hooper in 1974. His vision was to create a vineyard which would produce Australian wine of a quality to emulate the great wines of France, in particular the great Burgundies. Stuart Hooper had a purist, uncompromising approach to quality grape growing and winemaking. He had a strong belief in making wines which genuinely reflect the flavours of the vineyard.

Due to unfavourable windy conditions at flowering, some grape varieties were affected by poor fruit-set, including Pinot Noir. The 2014 vintage has produced the smallest crop in recent times at Bannockburn. 80% whole bunch fermentation by indigenous yeasts, 25-27 days on skins, pressed to French hogsheads (1/3 new) for 12 months then racked to older barriques for a further 7 months. Deeply coloured, savoury, 5 spice, clove and mushroom nose. A full-bodied palate with additional complexity from the inclusion of close-planted Serré and De La Terre fruit in the final blend.

"Deeply coloured; a very complex, full-bodied pinot with dark berry fruits, spice and oak on the bouquet and an opulently textured palate; firmish tannins ex whole bunches and acidity keep the wine corralled."

94 points by James Halliday

