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'NORTH DREAD'

Pinot Noir | Adelaide Hills - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



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Stats

Grapes: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard: Golden Child Vineyard

Vine Age: 17-years-old

Soil Type: Red volcanic soil over limestone

Viticulture: Practicing organic

Fermentation: Native – one ton plastic picking bins (100% whole-cluster)

Skin Contact: 3 weeks

Aging: 12 months in a single ex-Jura puncheon

Alcohol: 12.8%

pH: 3.63

Total Acidity: 6.45 g/L

Total SO₂: 51 ppm

Total Production: 50 cases



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Reviews

James Suckling | 92 points

About

North Dread is a bit of a 'tribute' to Uffe's wife Nicole. She left the sunshine of Australia for two years to follow her now viking husband to Denmark, where as one can surmise she dreaded the cold north. Uffe reached out to David & James Hamilton of Golden Child Vineyard in Kuitpo for a peek at the vineyard and was taken back by the volcanic soils of the organically farmed site and the beautiful Pommard clones located at 1,100 feet in elevation and less than ten miles to the sea.

The fruit was handpicked in late March and fermented entirely whole-cluster in one-ton picking bins. It was foot stomped twice a day by Uffe and Nicole over the course of three weeks to really get a lot of extraction, despite the rather low potential alcohol. The wine was basket pressed directly into a single Dany Jura puncheon for maturation and left on its gross lees with monthly battonage. After one year of aging it was racked to stainless-steel to settle naturally and bottled without fining or filtration and just a small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

It's a little more redder-fruit nose with light earthy and redolent red notes. The whole-bunch edge here lifts the fruit and delivers vibrant cherry and brambly strawberry character to the darker pomengranate and spice. The palate is sleek, rugged and moderately long with quiet intensity and sneaky tannins all wrapping with a bright, driving finish.