HEIRLOOM VINEYARDS

Adelaide Hills - Australia

Background

Heirloom Vineyards was conceived in 2000, when a young winemaking student (Elena) caught the eye of a silly old wine judge (Zar). A love story ensued inspired by two vows: to preserve the best of unique old vineyards and to champion the best clones of each variety. Today, the Vine Street portfolio includes two of Heirloom's Adelaide Hills wines: Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The Chardonnay is perfectly old-school-meets-new-wave (think no additions but yeast, very low sulfur, no fining, and just a touch of new oak) and the Pinot Noir is a juicy, whole cluster style made with neutral, large format French oak. These days, the wines are made by Canadian-born winemaker Alexandra Haselich. The female immigrant story is certainly one that is amplified with Alexandra's addition to the team (Elena was born in Bulgaria), and the experiences of these two women make Heirloom appealing to an international audience while remaining fundamentally Adelaide Hills in origin. These are serious, regional benchmark wines that really punch above their weight.

Highlights

1. **Heirloom Vineyards is a South Australian wine label founded by Elena Brooks, who is also behind Dandelion Vineyards & Sister's Run.**
2. **The Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are old-school-meets-new-wave. Think low sulfur, minimal new oak, no fining, and ripe, fruity cores.**
3. **Today, the wines are made by Canadian-born winemaker, Alexandra Haselich.**

Wines

Chardonnay SRP $24

The Chardonnay is made with multiple clones, no additions but yeast, very low sulfur, no fining, and just a touch of new oak.

'The Velvet Fog' Pinot Noir SRP $24

The Pinot Noir is native-yeast fermented and is made in a juicy, whole cluster style. It ages in neutral, large format French oak.

Ethos

VEGAN

Packaging

Experimental — Traditional

Press

"This has lovely perfume, flare and plenty of grit towards the end. Drink or hold.

91 points

JAMES SUCKLING

'The Velvet Fog' Pinot Noir 2022