Smuggler's Boot Pinot Noir

Richard Kershaw Wines

South Africa - Western Cape - Cape South Coast - Elgin

The name derives from the time of trade embargoes in South Africa when growers & winemakers smuggled grapevine material into the country by hiding the cuttings in Wellington boots. The Smuggler’s Boot range celebrates that ingenuity.

Attractive strawberry, savory and star anise spice linger on the nose. Juicy and sumptuous on the mid palate with breadth of flavor offset by a nimbleness of fresh acidity, friable tannins and sinuous mouthfeel, this Pinot unwraps to earthy, fennel, chocolate and a hint of incense to a long supple finish.

Specifications

Appellation	Cape South Coast - Elgin
Wine Type	Red
Varietals	100% Pinot Noir made from French clones PN667, PN115 and PN113
Age of Vines	Average 30 years
Vinification	Handpicked grapes were first bunch sorted on a conveyor before the stems were removed and the destemmed berries sorted to remove jacks and substandard berries. After a 3-day maceration in 500kg open-topped fermenters, the uncrushed grapes began a spontaneous fermentation. A gentle pigeage program was charted and the grapes remained on skins for 10-16 days. The free-run wine was racked to a combination of 50% French oak barrels (10% new) and 50% breathable plastic eggs with the remaining pomace basket-pressed. Malolactic then proceeded followed by a light sulphuring after which the wine was racked off Malolactic lees and returned to cleaned barrels for an 11-month maturation. No finings, simply racked and light filtration prior to bottling.
Production	200 (9-liter cases)
Pairings	Richard Kershaw’s personal suggestions for dishes include charcuterie, its salt and fat being complemented by the delicate spicy notes and fruit; Pork loin with honey, pepper, and lemon-zest glaze; Carpaccio; duck cassoulet; ovenroasted monkfish with garlic mashed potatoes; seared tuna; wild mushroom risotto; a simple beet salad with some hazelnuts and ricotta cheese; a slice of Brie or Gorgonzola dolce.

Codes, Weights and Measures

UPC	7 84585 02509 1
Units/Case	6

Unit Size	750 mL
Container	bottle
SCC	1 07 84585 02509 8
Case Weight	19
Cases/Pallet	168
Layers/Pallet	28
SRP	$ 34.5 USD 750mL Bottle

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