



2018 Lismore Pinot Noir 6/750ml South Africa – Cape South Coast - Overberg

ABOUT THE WINERY

Tucked into the foothills of a dramatic mountain range at the bottom of Africa is Lismore Estate Vineyards. It is here, in the Greyton area, that Californian Samantha O'Keefe found paradise and the perfect terroir. Lismore's vineyards are planted on slopes at the base of the Riviersonderend Mountain Range. The combination of elevation and climate make for an extended ripening period which is roughly 3-4 weeks later than the more traditional wine growing areas in the Western Cape. Sam has 12.5 hectares planted with Chardonnay, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc, and Viognier.



"Samantha O'Keefe of Lismore Estate is a trailblazer who is making some of South Africa's most focused, precise and thoughtful wines. If you are not familiar with Samantha or her wines, you need to seek some out and try them for yourself. South African wine may hold negative connotations in some people's minds, so I hope they try Samantha's wines, as every bottling from her range displayed elegance and beauty. Lismore wines are expressive with layers of complexity that shine and an honesty that over delivers for the price. I am anxious to see what she does next. Be on the lookout for an article on food and wine pairings with Lismore wines in 2020 and keep your eyes peeled on Estate wines for some truly great winemaking! - Anthony Mueller"
- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Issue #245, October 2019)

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"The 2018 Pinot Noir comes from Walker Bay and Kaaimansgat and includes 30% whole-bunch fruit, aged for 11 months in 25% new oak. The bouquet sports vivid red cherry and raspberry fruit that is exceptionally well defined and beautifully integrated with the oak. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, well-judged acidity and a slightly fleshy texture. There is just the right amount of salinity here, and the finish is kept on a tight leash, allowing the detail and precision to be fully expressed. A slight sour edge on the finish keeps you coming back for another sip. Excellent and reassuringly classy. - Neal Martin" - Antonio Galloni's Vinous (November 2019), 92 pts

RATINGS

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Appellation	Cape South Coast - Overberg
Varietal(s)	100% Pinot Noir from 15-year-old vines
Agriculture	Sustainable
Vinification	30% whole bunch fermented in large 5000L vats with gentle pump-overs twice a day. The process allowed for a long extraction period, which lends to the fruit expression and structure of this wine. The free run wine was drained off and the fermented grapes were then pressed in a traditional wooden basket press. The wine was racked into 225, 300 and 500L barrels where malolactic fermentation took place; wine was aged for 10 months. 35% new French oak was used.
Size	6/750ml
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