



# Ngeringa 2019 Summit Vineyard Pinot Noir

**Winemaker:** Erinn Klein

**Grape(s):** Pinot Noir

**GI:** Adelaide Hills (Mount Lofty Ranges, South Australia)

**Site(s):** Estate Summit Vineyard

**Vintage notes:** 2019 gave little but concentrated clean fruit, with average spring rainfall, a very dry summer and several heat-waves near harvest resulting in early picking. Importantly cold nights throughout February/ March helped retained brightness in the fruit profile and high natural acidity.

**Vineyard notes:** From the optimal mid-slope section of the estate Summit Vineyard, east-facing, collecting more of the morning sunlight and less of the intense afternoon heat. The altitude ranges between 330m and 360m above sea level consisting of sandy loam over red-orange clay, sandstone and ironstone. The entire farm is certified Biodynamic, farming with the rhythms of nature, without the use of synthetic chemical inputs, and working towards a self-sustaining farming system.

**Winemaking:** The pinot noir is hand-harvested into small 15kg crates and mostly destemmed into small batch fermenter, with 10% whole bunches placed in the bottom of each fermenter. The grapes are gently plunged by hand or feet around two times per day for a long extraction that last for two to three weeks. The pinot is pressed into new (30%) French oak barriques and left in barrel to mature for 11 months. A small dose of sulfur is added at blending, just prior to bottling. No enzymes, no fining, no filtration.

**Closure:** TCA-screened natural cork

**ABV:** 13%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** From a low-yielding, dry growing season, this pinot noir has plenty of red brambly berry fruit, forest undergrowth, and herbal aromas. On the palate there are well present yet approachable tannins, complex with well integrated spice from the oak, blood plums, and savory flavors of bush tomato and anise myrtle.

**Label Design:** Ngeringa bases all its branding and imagery on its relationship to the land: the logo makes the shape of Mount Barker summit and their icon (pictured on the next page) is a circle representing the full moon, making reference to the BD practice and the working with the rhythms of nature, with the she-oak inside of it.

**Production size:** 44 dozen

**Points:** 92 Points (Wine Front)



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