

NGERINGA

summit vineyard pinot noir 2021



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Erinn Klein

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

GI: Adelaide Hills, South Australia

Site(s): Estate Summit Vineyard

Vintage notes: For the first time in a few years, the Ngeringa farm had reasonable winter rains going into the spring of 2020 and also some good follow-up rains right into early summer. There was no late season frost, no hail, and amazing weather conditions during flowering. They also had a much milder than average summer in 2021 with no severe heat spikes. This resulted in a perfectly long ripening season and optimal ripening conditions.

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:** 13.2%

LEGEND tasting notes: From a spectacular 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:** 93 Points (James Suckling)