

HENSKENS RANKIN

vintage brut 2015



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Frieda Henskens

Grape(s): 70% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir

GI: Tasmania

Site(s): Multi-regional blend primarily sourced from the Huon Valley and Tasman Peninsula

Vintage notes: A much sought after vintage, with high quality fruit and moderate yield. Rainfall throughout the spring and summer months supported lush vegetative growth especially in the south well into the new year. Inclement weather in the south around flowering and fruit set reduced yields without dampening the high quality of fruit.

Vineyard notes: All fruit was sourced from mature vines from vineyards established in the 1970s and 1990s. Both family-owned and painstakingly tended by hand. The Huon Valley vineyard benefits from well-drained sandy loam soils overlooking the Huon River. The Tasman Peninsula vineyard has a northerly aspect and is planted on red sand and clay soils with stony inclusions.

Winemaking: All fruit was hand-picked. Each individual parcel (two of chardonnay, one of pinot noir) was gently pressed as whole bunches. Juices then cold-settled and carefully racked prior to fermentation in stainless steel. One of the chardonnay parcels underwent partial malolactic fermentation in old, small format barrels prior to blending. The initial blend contained 2% of barrel-aged (barrique and hogshead) reserve wines, drawn mostly from 2011. At disgorging, the liqueur d'expédition included a tiny proportion (1.5%) of wine from the 2022 vintage. Seven years on lees, disgorged 30 September 2022 and almost two years under cork prior to release, 3 g/L dosage, TA 8.55 g/L.

Closure: Natural cork (Amorim Spark)

ABV: 12.4%

Legend tasting notes: The nose demonstrates lees and bottle age with a roasted hazelnut and marzipan character, but stays remarkably fresh-fruited, with notes of lemon oil, quandong (a native red peach), and white flowers. The palate is refined and bright, with a fine but soft bead, striking acidity, and a long finish.

Label design: The colors reflect the hues of the Tasmanian landscape, especially at dawn and dusk. The logo is based on Frieda and David's stylized initials.

Production size: 1830 bottles, individually numbered