

Arcus Estate 2009

Origin:

Arcus, meaning 'bow' in Latin, describes our estate vineyard that wraps around both sides of a small valley in the heart of the Dundee Hills. Capturing the distinctive terroir of this single vineyard, the 2009 Arcus Estate rewards Pinot Noir devotees with an expansive nose, compelling mid-palate, elegant finish, and a superior expression of true Pinot Noir.

Tasting notes:

This wine is perfumed and poignant; expressive in its floral qualities of violets and crushed rose petals, expansive in its character of black cherry, blue fruits, white peach, cocoa powder and marzipan. The palate is layered and lavish with a juicy succulence and notes of vanilla and nougat, chocolate and rosehips surrounding a vibrant cherry core. Refined and deeply appealing this wine shows great character now but if one is patient, more shall be revealed.

Harvest Dates:

October 10 & 12, 2009

Composition:

Pommard and Dijon 667

Vinification:

Hand harvested and hand sorted
Fermented in both 63% wooden and 37% stainless steel
open top tanks
Whole cluster contribution = 0%
Up to two punch-downs per day
Indigenous yeast fermentation
Total tank time 33 days

Cooperage:

70% new French oak
Damy, Cadus and Francois Freres barrels
Total barrel aging = 9 months

Bottling:

September 29 & 30, 2010
Unfined and partially filtered

