

SPRING SEED WINE CO.

SPRING SEED WINE 'ASTER' 2013 McLAREN VALE PINOT NOIR

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Spring Seed Wines are made from grapes lovingly grown in our family's organic vineyard, located in the premium wine region of McLaren Vale, South Australia. The vineyard was established in the early 1970's by Peter and Anthea Bosworth, and is now owned and run by their son Joch, who began the conversion to organic viticulture in 1995. The vines are fully certified 'A' grade organic by Australian Certified Organic, a process that takes four years and involves yearly audits and random sampling of produce. The Spring Seed Wine labels are unashamedly inspired by vintage flower seed packets created at the turn of the last century. The colour, clarity and beauty of the original seed packets are quite remarkable. We chose three different flower images to adorn each one of our McLaren Vale wines, simply because they are quite lovely. The Aster Pinot Noir has the Aster (*Callistephus chinensis*), Foxglove (*Digitalis pupurea*) and Hollyhocks (*Alcea rosea*) labels.

Vintage 2013

We had good winter rains then warm summer conditions which brought about an early harvest. We had a few hot-cool-hot-cool periods which made it a little trickier to decide when to pick, but Joch reckons he got it right in the end.

Winemaking

Pinot Noir was planted on our Braden's vineyard in 1987, with many hands making light work; one noteworthy pair of hands involved in planting were those of the schoolboy Joch who was put to work in the vineyards every holiday. We put about 30% of the Pinot Noir through carbonic fermentation in plastic bags in old apple crates. The idea of this winemaking process (where in fact we don't crush the berries at all) is to soften out the tannins. We processed the balance of the grapes in a fairly standard red winemaking fashion; crushed, fermented, pressed off skins into (predominantly older) oak before blending back to the 'cab mac' component and bottling.

Tasting Note

The wine is light red, but nice and bright, too. This is a classic Pinot colour. The nose shows bright, pretty and fresh red fruits, and these characters are very evident on the palate. There is a delicious perfume about this wine, and it finishes nice and tight, with a lovely length. The gentle silky tannins in the Spring Seed Pinot Noir can more than handle a spell in the fridge if the weather is warm. This wine goes very well with cheeses, chicken dishes and charcuterie.

Technical Details

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| Vineyards: | Braden's and Cox's |
| Picking Dates: | 11th, 13th and 18th February 2013 |
| Alc / Vol: | 14.0% |
| Bottling date: | 2nd December 2013 |



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