



Ochota Barrels 'Home' Pinot Noir

Adelaide Hills - Australia 2013

The Ochota Barrels tale began on a surf trip, late 2000 along the Mexican west coast in a Volkswagen campervan. A final destination after traveling some of the world's best wine and surf regions, Taras and Amber Ochota conceived the

idea to make super premium wines back home in South Australia. The concept was to concentrate on the zenith variety of McLaren Vale (Grenache) and the Barossa Valley (Shiraz), find an exceptional old vineyard site in each region and create plush, small batch, single vineyard wines.

As an Oenology graduate from Adelaide University, Taras developed his craft at wineries such as Two Hands and MSV in the Barossa Valley, renowned for world class Shiraz, Grenache and Mataro. More recently he worked as the European Flying Winemaker, concentrating on the Italian regions, Puglia and Sicily, for the Swedish wine importing company, Oenoforos. California has also been a regular vintage destination of his, making wines with producers such as Bonnacorsi, Arcadian, Schrader, and Outpost.

This is a Pinot Noir from a single vineyard, hand-picked by the Ochota clan and made by Taras' much better half Amber. You can see her delicate touch here and lack of a hairy back as well! The vineyard source is 'the size of a tennis court' with clones from Ashton Hills vineyard planted 15 years ago. It's 100% whole bunch, sent to a single barrel, sees no additions and sent to bottle unfiltered and unfined. Only 288 bottles produced. Yes, bottles.

Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Production

24 cases

Élevage

10 months in seasoned French barrique

Soil Type

Light Clay over Sandstone

Yields

.6 tons/acre

Average Vine Age

15 years old

Tasting Notes

“ Bright red. Ripe red berries, fresh flowers and a hint of vanilla on the highly perfumed nose and in the mouth. Silky, seamless and appealingly sweet, with a touch of peppery spices adding bite. Takes a turn to darker fruit with air and finishes extremely long, with excellent clarity and silky tannins adding shape. ”

Reviews

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Josh Raynolds) | 93 points