

HAMILTON RUSSELL VINEYARDS

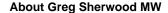
Pinot Noir 2018

GREG SHERWOOD MW

A FINE WINE SAFARI

95 POINTS

Every new release reveals a vintage of Hamilton Russell Vineyards Pinot Noir that is again purer, finer and more distinguished than the previous vintage. The 2018 is no exception showing a broody dark fruited nose with lashings of black cherry, black currant and salted black plums. At this young stage, the oak is incredibly well integrated allowing both the purity of black berry fruit and the limestone minerality to really shine through. On the palate, alluring hints of blueberry and mulberry dance a tightly choreographed routine supported by a well drilled accompaniment of mineral tannins finishing with a long, sappy, black bramble berry finish. This must surely rank as one of the finest young Pinot Noirs produced at the winery to date.



Greg was born in Pretoria, South Africa, and as the son of a career diplomat, spent his first 21 years travelling the globe with his parents. All the related wining and dining, in the line of duty, is where he first realised his passion for fine wine. Greg completed his Theory examination in 2006 and the MW dissertation process in 2007 with a topic entitled "Method Cap Classique Production in Constantia, South Africa." He is proud to be counted as only the fourth South African ever to pass the prestigious Master of Wine examinations when he became the 265th Master of Wine in 2007. Ten years later, there are still only just over 350 Masters of Wine in the world.



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