

# BURROWING OWL

estate winery

## 2019 PINOT NOIR



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#### Tasting Notes:

A riper style Pinot Noir with an intense nose showing black cherry and dried plum along with paprika, earth, coffee and vanilla along with some complex potpourri and gamy, meaty notes. The medium-bodied palate is balanced with crisp, juicy acidity and shows dried cherry and raspberry, blueberry, violets and chocolate and lots of the spice and savoury notes of paprika, sage, earth and leather. Pair this with grilled chorizo sausages or a sundried tomato pasta sauce.

– Rhys Pender, Master of Wine

**Bottling Date:** September 2020

#### Vintage & Winemaking Notes:

Spring arrived early in 2019, allowing for early and even bud break, flowering and fruit set. This was followed by a warm, yet more moderate summer with enough heat to produce nicely concentrated levels of ripeness in the grapes. An excellent year for Pinot Noir with a nice cool September which helped achieve great fruit, tannins, and colour

The grapes were handpicked from Burrowing Owl Estate Winery's Black Sage vineyard in Oliver on October 8th. They were hand-sorted, destemmed and slightly crushed before being dropped into stainless steel tanks where alcoholic fermentation took place. Strict temperature-controlled fermentation helped retain the Pinot Noir's delicate colour and flavours. The wine was then transferred into barrels for malolactic conversion and ageing for nine months. The ageing program, based on French, Russian, and Hungarian oak enhanced the natural aromatics of the variety while adding toasted, spicy notes. During ageing, the wine was regularly racked off its lees and was then bottled unfiltered.

**Cellaring:** 3+ years

**Ageing:** 75% French, 20% Russian, and 5% Hungarian with 42% new, and 58% second-fill oak barrels

**Analysis:** Alcohol: 14% | PH: 3.86 | Titratable acidity: 5.51 g/L