

## A second Pinot joins Heemskerk collection

**Celebrating the strength of the 2008 Tasmanian vintage, winemaker Anna Pooley will release a second Pinot from the Tamar Valley showcasing delicate rustic flavours, complexity, concentration and texture.**

This release follows on from the re-launch of Heemskerk in May 2008 where three wines were released; a Riesling (Coal River Valley), Chardonnay (Coal River Valley) and a Pinot Noir (Derwent Valley).

The thinking behind releasing two Pinots from the same vintage is to capture and celebrate the almost perfect 2008 Tasmanian vintage conditions and show off two wines that are true, but opposite, representations of the Tasmanian Pinot Noir styles.

While two Pinots won't be released every year, Anna's aim with the release of the Tamar Valley Pinot is to showcase two wines out of a great year. The Tamar Valley Pinot is also a tribute to the original birthplace of Heemskerk – in the north of the state.

Anna Pooley Heemskerk Winemaker said "The Tamar Valley Pinot is delicate and rustic and delivers incredible complexity, concentration and texture. The two wines are almost equal opposites of each other but are unique and quality wines on their own accord. By capturing the flavours at the different stages of the process, I have altered the winemaking techniques to bring the individual nature of the wines forward."

### **2008 Heemskerk Tamar Valley Pinot Noir**

The grapes for the Tamar Valley Pinot Noir were sourced from one of the oldest vineyards in northern Tasmania, on the west bank of the Tamar River, near Kayena. As with the Derwent Valley Pinot Noir, the vines are fastidiously maintained by hand, close planted and dry grown. The grapes were picked and cold soaked before being inoculated for fermentation. Due to the delicate, almost rustic nature of the flavours, the wine was matured in 100% old French oak barriques. This captured and enhanced the delicate flavours and grippy tannins without overshadowing them.

### **2008 Derwent Valley Pinot Noir (the second release of this wine)**

The 2008 Heemskerk Derwent Valley Pinot Noir was sourced from the 18 year old Lowestoft Vineyard on the banks of the Derwent River, just north of Hobart in Southern Tasmania. The vines are meticulously maintained on an open lyre trellis, closely planted and rigorously bunch thinned to ensure even and slow ripening. The grapes were harvested on two occasions, two weeks apart in order to capture the different stages of ripeness and build a layered and complex wine. Adding to the complexity was the introduction of a portion of wild yeast fermentation and 10 months maturation in old and new French oak barriques. The wine is rich, pure, fruity and earthy with layers of flavour and texture.

### **The difference between the two Pinots includes:**

- Grape sourcing: North vs. South - to show the differences in region
- No new oak for the Tamar Valley Pinot Noir
- No wild fermentation for the Tamar Valley Pinot Noir
- Two picks for the Derwent Valley Pinot Noir vs. 1 for the Tamar Valley Pinot Noir
- New world wine style vs. Old world wine style

Anna strives to make wines that are modern, elegant and unique. Her philosophy is based on allowing each vineyard to fully express itself – it's about the wine dictating the winemaking.

The Heemskerk collection of wines is available to select fine wine retailers and restaurants nationally. The 2008 Heemskerk Derwent Valley Pinot Noir and the 2008 Heemskerk Tamar Valley Pinot Noir RRP: \$60.00

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