

Proudly celebrating a Chinese Tasmanian collaboration to produce world class wines from the Coal River's ancient soils.

2016 “Willow Series” Reserve Pinot Noir

The ancient dolerite soils in southern Tasmania’s Coal River Valley produce some outstanding wines. Careful bunch selection, handpicking, barrel ageing and care in every detail make the *Willow Series* a proud statement of what our valley is capable of.

The Label

The Willow pattern, invented in the 1790s by Thomas Minton the famous potter, is a purely European representation of the East using Chinese symbolism. It is incorporated into the design of our reserve label to illustrate our heritage, the celebration of both our Chinese and western cultures and the quality of these wines.

Notes

Variety	100% Pinot Noir				
Method	Open ferment				
Oak	14 months in French oak (15% new)				
Alc	13.5	pH	3.46	TA	6.55

Vintage

Adequate winter rainfall followed by settled conditions at flowering resulted in a good set of small bunches. A warm summer initially looked like bringing in an early crop until a cold spell late in the season slowed things up, pushing most of the picking into April.

Winemaking

Perfect bunches were selected and handpicked and a high proportion of whole bunches were included in the small, open ferments which were hand plunged. The wine was pressed into a variety of French oak 226lt barrels (of which around 15% were new) for around 14 months maturation during which time they went through malo-lactic fermentation. They were bottled without fining and with the bare minimum of filtration in order to maintain their full fruit expression and natural structure.

Tasting

Dark but youthful in colour, the aromas are of marzipan and Morello cherries. The palate is still brooding and powerful with great tannin and the promise of a long future.

