

Larry Cherubino 'Laissez Faire', Pemberton, Pinot Noir 2018



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An elegant Pinot Noir expression, showing black cherry and strawberry notes with savoury undertones and delicate hints of oak spice. Smooth, long and silky.

Producer Note

Named 'Winery of the Year' by James Halliday and Matt Skinner, Larry Cherubino wants his wines to be distinctive and to speak clearly of their variety and vineyard site. He believes in paying meticulous attention to the vineyard, canopy and water management, picking at the right time and minimal intervention in the winery. Larry also makes wine under the Laissez Faire label, an exquisite range of natural wines which are the ultimate expression of site, made in small batches from hand harvested grapes. From delicate whites to opulent reds, all his wines have pure class and finesse.

Vintage

A dry start to the winter was followed by timely spring rains. The summer was mild and dry with temperatures below 30°C throughout the entire season, which resulted in some of the best Pinot Noir in decades. The fruit ripened very slowly, resulting in strong flavours and textures. Vintage rating 9.5/10.

Vineyard

While inspiration has been taken from organics, biodynamics and natural winemaking practices, the Laissez Faire range could be called 'natural wines'; Larry Cherubino likes to think of them as "post natural" wines. Believing in healthy and sustainable vineyard practices, Larry grows all his own grapes and can account for their provenance and natural status. While copper is allowed in organic viticulture, minimal copper treatments are used here. The grapes are grown in Channybearup in Pemberton, which is cooled by its proximity to the Southern Ocean. However, easterly winds that reach Pemberton have moved across more landmass, bringing much needed heat for ripening.

Winemaking

Laissez Faire means "let it be" and this is reflected in the hands-off approach of winemaking. The grapes were hand-harvested, sorted and naturally fermented with indigenous yeasts. The wine spent eight months maturing in French oak foudres, offering optimal fruit expression and oak integration. As the name suggests, no additional acids, enzymes or yeasts were added during vinification and the wine was not fined. There was zero sulphur use throughout the winemaking and only minimal sulphur was added at bottling.

Tasting Note

An elegant Pinot Noir expression, with black cherry and red flowers complemented by subtle savoury notes and beautifully integrated oak spice. Refined, soft tannins on the palate are balanced by a fine acidity, through to black cherry and earthy flavours on the finish.

Grape

Pinot Noir 100%



Winemaker:	Larry Cherubino
Region:	Western Australia
Sub region:	Pemberton
Country:	Australia
Alcohol:	14%
Body Value:	B (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	0.5
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic:	No/No
Product Code:	5433718A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Screwcap