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The Pinot Noir from Shaw + Smith brings together floral perfume and earthy complexity, a wine crafted to age gracefully and highlight its cool-climate origins.

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## Pinot Noir 2022

Adelaide Hills, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

The **Adelaide Hills** in South Australia offers an ideal cool-climate environment for growing Pinot Noir, with its high altitudes and extended growing season contributing to wines of finesse and elegance. The 2022 growing season was cooler than average, influenced by the **La Niña** weather pattern. This cooler start resulted in a smaller fruit set and a later ripening period, while a mild summer allowed the grapes to develop complex flavors and retain their natural acidity. Shaw + Smith's vineyards in **Balhannah, Lenswood, and Piccadilly** total **59 hectares** and are carefully managed to support vine health and high fruit quality.

By the end of the season, the grapes were fully ripened thanks to a series of well-timed showers and consistently mild conditions. This balance of cool temperatures and gradual ripening gives the 2022 Pinot Noir its signature freshness, structure, and aromatic profile, with earthy, floral, and spice notes that showcase the Adelaide Hills terroir.

### Winemaking

Shaw + Smith's winemaking approach for the 2022 Pinot Noir is focused on gentle handling and a meticulous selection process to enhance the fruit's natural character.

**Hand-picked** grapes are sorted twice—first as whole bunches and then after **80% destemming**, to discard any underripe or imperfect berries. The remaining fruit undergoes a **slow and gentle fermentation**, emphasizing delicacy and allowing a gradual extraction of flavors and tannins.

The wine then ages in **French oak barrels** for approximately **8 months**, which imparts subtle hints of spice while preserving the wine's freshness and aromatic purity. This approach maintains the delicate balance between structure and elegance, highlighting the vintage's nuanced fruit profile and the Adelaide Hills' cool-climate character.



Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby with a translucent core.
- **Aroma:** Floral notes of violet and rose, with layered aromas of **rhubarb, cherry**, and hints of dried herbs and spices.
- **Palate:** Medium-bodied with a silky texture, flavors of red cherry and rhubarb are complemented by a subtle earthiness. Fine-grained tannins and vibrant acidity lend a refined structure, leading to a lingering finish with a touch of minerality.

## Did you know?

Shaw + Smith has cultivated a reputation for producing some of Australia's most celebrated **cool-climate Pinot Noir** from the Adelaide Hills, an area traditionally known for producing delicate and aromatic wines. The 2022 vintage showcases this philosophy, capturing both the **beauty and resilience** of a challenging yet rewarding growing season.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Charcuterie board with cured meats and pâté:** Complements the wine's silky tannins and adds a savory element that balances the fresh acidity.
- **Duck breast with cherry glaze:** The wine's cherry and rhubarb notes enhance the glaze, creating a harmonious pairing.
- **Mushroom risotto:** The earthiness of the mushrooms mirrors the wine's subtle earthy undertones, creating a layered and balanced experience.
- **Grilled salmon:** The wine's acidity and red fruit notes bring out the richness of the salmon, while the gentle tannins complement the texture.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 90 Points (2022)

*The 2022 Pinot Noir is incredibly aromatic on the nose, with sweet strawberry and cherry, layers of red apple and spice and lashings of abundant fruit. The wine is spicy and luscious, with loads of flavor up front that gently spools out through the finish, which is spicy, with some garden mint, clove and licorice nuances laced throughout. 13.5% alcohol sealed under screw cap.*



### James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2021)

*A beautifully crafted pinot, as always, with focused fruit, subtle undertones of cedar and leather and hints of foie gras. It's full-bodied, but not heavy, with plenty of tension and focus. Bright acidity with depth and length. Impressive.*



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**Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 93 Points (2021)**

*An elegant and gentle expressive Pinot with plump red and blue fruit underscored by subtle floral, hoisin and a myriad dried herbs, leads to a silky, mid-weight palate. There's lovely balance, structure and depth of flavor, here, with fine, chalky tannins.*

