

Pooley adds an elegant sparkling to her Tasmanian collection under Heemskerk label

In homage to its origins, Heemskerk has released its first sparkling wine **Heemskerk Chardonnay Pinot Noir Coal River Valley Tasmania 2007**. Winemaker Anna Pooley has used the finest hand picked Chardonnay and Pinot Noir fruit from the Coal River Valley in Southern Tasmania and made this wine in the traditional method.

Taking advantage of Coal River Valley's reputation for producing pristine cool climate fruit, Anna has captured the essence of the region in this sparkling wine. Her winemaking philosophy is to let the purity of the fruit speak for itself. By keeping to minimal intervention, Anna produces exceptional wines that are kept pure with elegant fruit expression.

Anna said, "The flavours of Pinot Noir and the intense structure of Chardonnay are intricately interwoven to produce a wine of incredible elegance and persistence"....

The Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes were hand picked and pressed in very close proximity to the vineyards. Both varieties were fermented separately and undergo full malolactic fermentation. Blended just prior to bottling the wine spends approximately 30 months extended ageing on yeast lees in bottle. The flavours of the Pinot Noir and the intense structure of the Chardonnay are intricately woven to produce a wine of refined elegance.

Anna describes this wine as pale straw in colour with a fine bead and delicate mousse. This wine is a little reserved initially but opens gracefully to reveal subtle floral and mineral aromatics followed by notes of lemon, ginger and fresh biscuit dough. The palate displays a crisp fine elegant evolution of zesty lemon slice overlaying a dense biscuity brioche base tone all poised on an immaculate fine lattice-like acid structure. The palate lingers and evolves with flashes of flint and fine ground talcum powder finishing with delicate iced tea tannins.

Like with each label in the Heemskerk collection, 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 sparkling joins the Heemskerk Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Riesling.

The **Heemskerk Chardonnay Pinot Noir Coal River Valley Tasmania 2007** is available from all fine wine retail outlets and select restaurants nationally from RRP: \$59.99.

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About Heemskerk Wines

Heemskerk is an established, premium Tasmanian wine label celebrating new world winemaking techniques and old-world influences that capture the integrity, purity and elegance of Tasmania's cool climate. Heemskerk wines use the best fruit available from a collection of carefully selected vineyard sites across Tasmania. Heemskerk Winemaker Anna Pooley is from an established Tasmanian winemaking family and is inspired by the legacy of Heemskerk. Anna is committed to making exceptional cool climate, single vineyard wines that express true regional and varietal excellence. Heemskerk's wine portfolio includes; Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling and more recently a sparkling wine made by the traditional method. www.heemskerk.com.au