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Henskens Rankin 2011 Vintage Brut

Winemaker: Frieda Henskens

Grape(s): 70% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir

GI: Tasmania

Site(s): Multi-regional blend across Coal River Valley, Tasman Peninsula, and NW Tasmania

Vintage notes: A cool, wet year with delayed vintage and slow ripening saw sparkling vintage commence two weeks later than usual. The result was delicate yet concentrated fruit of great acidity and lower baumé. Chardonnays and chardonnay-dominant wines from 2011 reward patience, transforming from steely to poised and elegant.

Vineyard notes: All vineyard sources were established in the 1990s. They are all family-owned and painstakingly tended by hand (with the occasional assistance of guinea fowl for insect pest management).

Winemaking: Hand-picked, each individual parcel was gently pressed as whole bunches. Juices were then cold-settled and carefully racked prior to fermentation in stainless steel. Two of the three chardonnay parcels were blended to old, small format barrels before undergoing partial malolactic fermentation. At disgorging, the liqueur d'expédition contained small additions of wild barrel-fermented, barrel-aged reserve chardonnay (2014 vintage) and older tiraged material (2010 vintage). Six years on lees, disgorged 11 August 2017. 4.5 g/L dosage, TA 8.52 g/L, pH 3.16.

Closure: Natural cork (Les Fleurs, Portugal, designed for wines cellared 12+ years)

ABV: 11.9%

LEGEND tasting notes: The nose demonstrates lees and bottle age with a roasted hazelnut and marzipan character, but stays remarkably fresh-fruited, with notes of orange oil, quandong (a native red peach), and white flowers. The palate is regal and bright, with a fine but soft effervescence, striking acidity, and a long finish.

Label design: The colors reflect the hues of the Tasmanian landscape, especially at dawn and dusk. The logo is based on Frieda and David's stylized initials that appear on the back label.

Production size: 1482 bottles, individually numbered