RIPPON

VINEYARD & WINERY

Emma's Block, *Mature Vine Pinot Noir* 2008

Vineyard: A unique parcel within Rippon, Emma's Block faces eastward on the lakefront where ancient clay reefs run laterally through fine schist gravels. Emma's Block is named after the great-great-great grandmother of the current generation of the Mills family, through whom the name entered into the family.

Winemakers: Nick Mills & Team

Soils: Ancient ejection cone of Schist gravels

Pinot Noir Clones: 5 & 6, 13, Linc

Rootstock: None **Vine Density:** 3333 vines/hectare

Dates picked: 11th, 16th , 28th April 2008

Fruit Handling: Picked by hand into small, 10kg cases, allowing the fruit to arrive at the winery's sorting table undamaged and intact. Picked and fermented separately in 3, 2-tonne stainless-steel fermenters. 23% whole cluster component.

Fermentation: Each parcel is fermented and matured apart before blending. The winery's resident yeast population (non-inoculated) started fermenting on the 6th- 9th day of cuvaison. The ferments reached maximum temperatures of 29-32° Celsius.
Total time of skin contact: 15-28 days

Barrel management: 10 months of new 22%) to 4 year old French oak barrels. The malolactic fermentation went through unaided (non-inoculated) in springtime; it was then racked back into barrel and allowed a second winter in neutral barrels before being run directly into bottle without filtering or fining.

Total time in barrel: 17 months
Bottling date: 8th October 2009

Wine analysis at bottling:

pH	3.6
T.A	8.7 g/l
Alc.	13.4%
R.S	< 2 g/l

Bottles produced: 1050

Cellaring potential: 10 years +, cellaring & decanting recommended.

Nick's Comments: Nick's Comments: Full yielding, beautiful summer, great team; an outstanding vintage. Over the many years of watching and listening to this parcel, consistent markers showed themselves time and again in the finished wine. This is the first year it has been released under its own label. Across vintages Emma's Block remains defined by its texture: detailed, sleek, fine, glide, animated femininity