

Between Five Bells

2016 Pinot Noir



About B5B: Between Five Bells are the last three words in the first stanza of Kenneth Slessor's famous poem, Five Bells. The poem is understood to tell the tale of the death of Joe Lynch, a friend of the poets, and is set on/in/around (it gets confusing) Sydney Harbour. A beautiful lyrical poem, well worth a read and central to the way we think about the B5B wines.

The Wine: Whole bunches are carefully placed in a tall stainless steel tank. A small amount of fermenting Pinot Noir juice is introduced into the bottom of the tank. This allows the intact berries to be enveloped by CO₂, allowing a true carbonic maceration. The sheer weight of the fruit above crushes the berries at the bottom allowing more sweet juice to join the ferment. This technique encourages the development of a beautiful silky mouth feel while maintaining vibrant fruity aromas.

Review: "Red cherry, cranberry juice, mint and sage scents with whiffs of green olive. The palate is slick textured with red cherry, again, cranberry, fine web of feathery tannin, boost of pomegranate acidity and a herby lick through the finish. Even, smooth, bright and flavoursome pinot of easy drinking and some upfront charisma. Good drinking." **90 points, Mike Bennie, The Wine Front**

Vintage:	2016
Other vintages:	None
Grape variety:	Pinot Noir
Vineyards:	Costanza Vineyard, Strathbogie
Bottled:	September 2015
Alcohol:	14.0%
Cellar potential:	3+ Years
Cellar door prices:	\$30

