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## 2009 Brokenwood Indigo Vineyard Pinot Noir

**Variety:** Pinot Noir  
**Region:** Beechworth - VIC

### Winemakers Comments:

The 2002 Pinot Noir grapes were the first off the new Indigo Vineyard at Beechworth and a stunning vintage to debut. As there are three clones planted over different sites there is the opportunity to process as a number of different parcels. Hence we have the varietal bottling as well as a Single Vineyard wine. The latter part of the 2009 Beechworth vintage proved difficult with drought and then the threat of bushfires. Fortunately the early grapes, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were picked before any problems arose.

With Brokenwood being Hunter Valley based, Pinot Noir is not a style that we are readily associated with. However, five vintages of Yarra Valley Pinot Noir in the early 1990's and then our involvement with Seville Estate from 1997 has meant that a few techniques have been picked up.

### Vinification:

The season meant flavour ripe grapes at picking, so retention of fruit character was important. This involved cold soak of the must for a few days and including approximately 10% whole bunches in the ferment. No post ferment maceration was undertaken. Oak maturation was in predominantly used French oak barriques and bottled at the 12 month mark. This is a blend of the 3 clones 114, 115 & MV6.

### Tasting Notes:

A robust looking Pinot Noir – not a pale light dry red one! Great colour and youthful purple tints evident. Lifted aromas of dark cherry fruit and earthy/forestry characters from the whole berries included in the fermentation. Some vanillin oak in the background. All these characters follow through to the palate and at a moderate 13.5% alcohol it has great balance. The palate is aided by ripe tannins giving a lingering finish. This wine will mature further although enjoyable as a rich young Pinot Noir.

### Food:

Duck, quail and steak tartare.

### Technical Data:

<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>pH</b>	3.47
<b>Acidity</b>	6.77g/L
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	nil
<b>Availability:</b>	750ml
<b>RRP:</b>	A\$38.00

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