
RUSTY PETITE PEARL

CHANGING ACRES: PADDOCKS TO VINES

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"Rusty" Petite Pearl is named after the most memorable of Ernst's horses, Rusty! The fields that are now vines were once horse paddocks. Before we welcomed grapes onto the 40-acre property, Hessenland was home to quite a few Equestrian characters over the years. Rusty was Ernst's most beloved and treasured Hanoverian who was well-tempered, had a refined gait, jumping prowess, and descended from an ancestry of champions!

"Rusty" is a very rich dark purple colour with aromas of dried blueberries and cherries with smoky and spicy notes to accompany. The palate has a rich texture with flavours of dark fruits, anise, and beetroot. It doesn't have any tannin but does have fresh acidity.

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The Petite Pearl grape is a newer wine making variety that is resilient in temperatures as cold as -32 degrees celsius, making it a great growing option for our colder winters. The juice it produces is a rich dark red, even purple colour and it is known for producing wines with more complex flavours and aromas with a full body dry feel.



"Rusty" Petite Pearl is a perfect match with game meats, beef and stir-fries. It pairs well with charcuterie boards and saltier cheeses too. This wine is for those individuals who prefer a more full-bodied red wine!