Nightjar Pinot Noir

Description:

A beautifully expressive English Pinot Noir from Blackbook Winery, made with grapes from Clayhill Vineyard in Essex's Crouch Valley. It's naturally fermented and aged in Burgundy oak, with the winemaking kept deliberately hands-off. The wine has plenty of bright red fruit, but also a savoury, spicy side that gives it more depth than its relatively light body might suggest. Silky, fresh and very much in the mould of cool-climate Pinot Noir, with a lovely balance between fruit, acidity and fine tannin.

Tasting notes:
Sour cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant, violet, black pepper, sweet spice, savoury finish

Allergens:
Contains sulphites.

Dish Pairing:

- Roast chicken
- Duck with cherry sauce
- Mushroom risotto
- Charcuterie and soft cheeses

Talking Point:

Blackbook is an urban winery in a railway arch in Battersea, but the grapes come from carefully chosen English vineyards. Nightjar is sourced from Clayhill Vineyard in Essex, a south-facing site on the coastal Crouch Valley planted in 2006. Blackbook ferments the grapes naturally in small open-top fermenters and ages the wine in Burgundy barrels. The 2024 is bottled unfined and unfiltered, while earlier vintages have included a proportion of whole bunches during fermentation. It's a good example of how seriously English still Pinot Noir is coming along.