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Pinot Noir by Deron Bell



In pursuit of finding a song to write about I often try to match a season or the wine we will have at our next tasting. Sometimes this is a challenge. For instance, there are many songs which speak of Beaujolais, Chardonnay, Merlot etc. Pinot Noir however is another thing. Very limited selection and what I did find was not suitable for publication.

Then, lo and behold I stumble on a song titled, “Pinot Noir”. Excitedly I open the link to Spotify and take a listen to discover it is a light jazz instrumental, no lyrics. Really not much you can do with that. Then I looked at all the tracks on the album and 9 out of the 11 songs were wine themed (AMAZING!). So I decided to roll with it.

The album title is **“Smooth Chardonnay”** by Deron Bell. Deron is Music Director, Keyboardist, Bass Player, Producer, Composer and recording artist. He has performed with Ledisi, Wyclef Jean, Boney James, The Stylistics, Kirk Franklin, and others. This recording was actually recorded and sold as a benefit for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in 2009.

What’s great about this recording is the mellow tunes match the “wines” they are paired with, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Chianti, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Grigio, Champagne and Hunter Red (*let’s just say that’s a unique, non-traditional red wine*).

The song is a great short interlude to an otherwise hectic day but only plays for 3 minutes and 38 seconds. To really savor this, I encourage you, if you so inclined, to access the entire album via sources listed below. It will give you a 38-minute experience that actually allows you time to enjoy a glass or two of wine.

Here is a link to the song and you can access the entire album on Spotify, Apple Music and Amazon Music.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dm3k6BZm6k>

