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RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2014

Region: Marlborough

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

Alcohol: 13.5% **pH:** 3.6 **RS:** nil

TA: 5.6g/l **Brix:** 24.8

Tasting Notes

In its youth this wine had a dark deep burgundy colour with purple hues. The nose delivers a wonderful complex array of berry fruit aromas that are complimented by subtle French oak. The palate delivers dark cherry, raspberry, vanilla and hints of spice and smoke. This wine is elegant yet surprisingly powerful with a generous mid-palate, soft tannins and a wonderful finish.

Winemaker's Notes

While our winemaking approach is straight forward we do make small adjustment dependent upon the season. This season called for a slightly more extractive approach with more hand plunging and a longer time on skins. The grapes were picked in the cool of the morning before being de-stemmed into open top fermenters. We uses the traditional Burgundian techniques of small batch fermentation and hand-plunging. After pressing the resulting wines are matured in 225lt French oak barriques (25% new). The individual batches (clones and vineyard) are kept separate through the nine months in barrel before the best barrels are chosen for this blend.

Viticulture Notes

This wine is all from the Waihopai Valley where we have two adjoining vineyards growing Pinot Noir. Our company owned vineyard has multi-clone plantings on a lower terrace that produces small berries and intense fruit. The neighbouring Barnsley vineyard contains clones 115, 5 and 777 and has long been the mainstay of this wonderful wine. 2014 was a fruitful vintage, that required extensive shoot and crop thinning in order to lower the crop level enough to produced concentrate ripe Pinot Noir. The timing of these operations is critical and the knowledge we have of these vineyards enables us to get these decisions right.

Cellaring

Three to four years

Food Match

Red meats - lamb and game.



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Awards & Reviews

San Francisco International Wine Competition 2017 - Gold medal - 92/100

Air New Zealand - International Business Class 2016.

Selected by Air New Zealand for their 2016 inflight international business class pouring program.

The Marlborough Wine Show 2015 - Gold Medal

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