



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
— MARLBOROUGH —

THE PIONEER

PINOT NOIR 2010

Region: Marlborough

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen.

Alcohol: 13.50% **pH:** 3.55 **RS:** 0.0g/L

TA: 6.0g/L **Brix:** 24.1 - 24.8

Tasting Notes

Dark burgundy in colour, displaying a wonderfully complex array of aromas, cherry, red berries and floral notes. The palate is full and rich with sweet fruit and savoury notes. Fine tannins provide structure while the intergrated French oak adds spice, mocha, vanilla and a silky mouthfeel, which adds to the wines impressive length.

Winemaker's Notes

The grapes were held at 10c in open top fermenters for up to eight days, before being allowed to warm up for fermentation. The ferment took four to five days, during which the wines were hand plunged four times a day to help extract colour, flavour and tannins from the skins. Post fermentation the wine were left on the skins for two and a half weeks to allow the softening of the tannins. The wine were then pressed to French oak barriques for ten months. This wine is a blend of four barrels of clone 5 and one barrel of clone 115. the blended wine was put back into oak for a further six months, when bottled unfiltered.

Viticulture Notes

Produced from the Barnsley vineyard in the Waihopai Valley, where large diurnal temperature variations and a unique soil profile are ideally suited to the production of outstanding Pinot Noir. This site produces Pinot Noir with lovely lifted fruit and floral characters and a palate with weight and suppleness.

Cellaring

This wine will develop nicely over the next few years and should be at its best around 2015 - 2016.

Food Match

Roast lamb, duck or game.



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Awards & Reviews

Cuisine Magazine - Four Stars

★★★★

A fitting tribute to Marlborough legend Ross Lawson. This is an eminently drinkable wine. Floral scents set the scene for a blueberry, cherry, chocolate and oak-seasoned palate. Solid walls of tannin give direction and texture.

International Wine Challenge 2013 - SILVER MEDAL

Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2012 - Pure Silver

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