



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
— MARLBOROUGH —

THE PIONEER

PINOT NOIR 2013

Region: Marlborough

Winemaker: Marcus Wright/Rebecca Wiffen

Alcohol: 14% **pH:** 3.65 **RS:** 1.5g/L

TA: 6.2g/L **Brix:** 25.0

Tasting Notes

The nose displays an appealing array of characters from raspberry and red cherry though to sweet, spicy French oak. Deep in colour, beautiful floral this wine is silky smooth with super fine tannins and a generous mid-palate, wonderful volume and length. Our aim with this wine was for it to be both powerful and elegant.

Winemaker's Notes

The two vineyard blocks were harvested separately into two open top fermenters and held cold for a few days before undergoing spontaneous fermentation. Fermentation temperatures peaked at 32C with fermentation lasting three to four days. The wines were then kept on skins for a further two weeks before being pressed into French oak barriques (25% new) for sixteen months. The wines were then blended and gently filtered before bottling.

Viticulture Notes

Produced from our own Wahopai Pinot Noir vineyard block (75%) which is a mix of clone 115 and 667 - harvested as a field blend with Bidy and Sion Barnsley's Clone 5 from the neighbouring vineyard. These two vineyard sites have a wonderful mix of stones, alluvial soils and clay, which gives the resulting wine both weight and elegance.

Cellaring

Eight to ten years

Food Match

Roast lamb, duck or game.



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Awards & Reviews

Bob Campbell MW - Four stars - 90 points

★★★★

Quite a dense, flavoursome Pinot Noir with plum, dark cherry and berry flavours plus a strong influence of toasty French oak. A tad closed right now but should become more accessible with bottle age. (26/7/2016)

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