



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
— MARLBOROUGH —

TASTING NOTES



Pinot Noir 2017

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Bright, vibrant red with aromas of dark berries, cherries and a touch of spice. This is a soft, elegant, fruit-driven pinot with fine tannins and lovely length. Matching the varietal fruit characters of dark cherry and strawberry are subtle spicy oak notes.

Vineyards and viticulture

This is a blend from several of our very good, small Marlborough Pinot Noir vineyards including sites in the Waihopai, Brancott and Omaka valleys. Two-cane VSP pruned which has then been shoot-thinned and fruit-thinned in order to ensure consistent ripening.

Winemaking

Each block was picked as it attained ideal ripeness, both from a sugar-acid balance perspective and flavour. The grapes were gently crushed into small, open top fermenters where they were held cold for five days to help extract colour, tannins and fruit flavours. The vats were then allowed to warm for fermentation to start. Fermentation peaked at 32°C and the resulting wines were left on skins for around seven days post-ferment before pressing to predominantly old French oak barriques (3% new). The wine was blended after ten months maturation in barrel.

100% Pinot Noir, Alc 13%, pH 3.6, TA 6.2, RS 0
Vegan-friendly

Cellaring


Enjoy while youthful over the next one or two years or enjoy the more savoury characters that will show after three years.

Food Match

Chargrilled foods and firm, full-flavoured cheeses. Lovely with warming stews and casseroles, sausages and cured meats, hot ham, pork and lamb.



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