



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
— MARLBOROUGH —

TASTING NOTES



The Pioneer Pinot Noir 2014

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A lovely deep burgundy which at four years old is showing brick red hues on the rim, the nose shows a lovely interplay between the spicy sweet oak, bright cherry and the bottle development, which shows itself with hints of porcini mushrooms and forest floor. The palate is relatively big with soft round tannins and a lovely weight, charry oak notes add depth and complexity to the wines natural berry fruit character.

Vineyards and viticulture

The vines are all pruned to two canes and shoot thinned before a green harvest, at which point the shoulders were removed.

Winemaking

The two vineyards were harvested separately into two open topped fermenters and held cold for a few days before undergoing spontaneous fermentation. The fermentation temperatures peaked at 32c with the fermentation lasting a total of four days. The wines were then kept on the skins for a further two weeks before being pressed into French oak barriques (25% new) for sixteen months. The barrels were then blended and lightly filtered before bottling.

100% Pinot Noir, Alc 14%, pH 3.6, TA 6.1, RS 0

Cellaring


Cellar up to 2021

Food Match

Any gamey red meats - New Zealand lamb, venison or duck.



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