LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
MARLBOROUGH

TASTING NOTES

Blind River Pinot Noir 2017

Tasting Notes
Raspberry, red cherry and lovely floral notes combine with a touch of sweet, spicy oak to give complex and inviting aromas. The palate is supple and concentrated and has great depth while showing lovely varietal flavours of boysenberry, blueberry, mocha and underlying, subtle savoury notes.

Vineyards and viticulture
They say that beautiful wines come from beautiful places and this is true of the Blind River vineyard in Marlborough's stunning Awatere Valley. The Pinot Noir block is just a handful of rows running up the contours of this gently sloping site. The clone is Dijon 115 and the rootstocks are 55% Riparia, 45% 101-14.

Winemaking
The grapes are destemmed and crushed and the juice cold-soaked for about ten days to help develop the primary fruit characteristics, specifically black plum and cherry flavours. During fermentation, the cap is hand-plunged up to four times a day to extract flavour, colour and tannin. The wine is then matured in French oak barrels (25% new) for ten months, to enhance and complement more savoury, spicy flavours and then left to develop in bottle for a further six months before release.

100% Pinot Noir, Alc 13.5%, pH 3.6, TA 5.0, RS 0,
Contains egg whites

Cellaring
Four to six years, minimum

Food Match
Lamb, venison, duck, pheasant, pork belly, turkey, seared tuna, hot ham, boeuf bourguignon, Coq au Vin, rare beef, dishes with rosemary and other strong herbs, mushrooms, cassoulet, beetroot, seared spiced salmon.

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