



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS  
— MARLBOROUGH —



## Reserve Pinot Noir 2019

### Tasting Notes

Dark, red berry and black cherry aromas combine with smoky vanilla, oaky notes and a hint of spice. The palate is round and generous with lovely bright berry, cherry flavours and gentle, sweet vanilla notes. This wine has lovely weight and length, offering a wonderful balance of power and elegance.

### Vineyards and viticulture

This wine is sourced from our two Waihopai Valley vineyards and is a mixture of clone 5, 667, 115 and 777. The vines are cropped at low levels which requires careful pruning, canopy management and fruit-thinning. The vines are carefully nurtured to ensure perfect ripeness together with concentrated flavours that echo the varietal and the place it was grown.

### Winemaking

The fruit was harvested into open-top fermenters for a three-to-six-day cold maceration before fermentation. The cap of skins that form on top was punched down by hand, three times a day, to encourage maximum flavour and colour. The wine was then left on skins between seven and 14-days post ferment, before pressing to a mixture of French oak barriques (224 litres) and puncheons (500 litres) of which 25% were new. After ten months maturation, the best clones and barrels were selected for this wine.

100% Pinot Noir, Alc 14%, pH3.6, TA 6.5, RS 0

### Cellaring

Youthful and juicy right now but will continue to evolve in the bottle and mellow with time. Enjoy for five or more years, at least.

### Food Match

Seafood, terrines and pates, risotto, creamy pasta dishes, chicken and char-grilled foods, roasted vegetables.

