



Single Vineyard

SEDDON, MARLBOROUGH

Pinot Noir 2019



Winemaker's Comment

This expression of Pinot Noir is grown on the southern side of the Awatere River in the Seddon Vineyard. It is recognised for producing distinctive red cherry and raspberry flavours with savoury notes of bay leaf. The palate has soft tannins, a juicy linear acidity and culinary herb notes with hints of smooth dark chocolate from the subtle use of French oak.

Vintage

Fruit set in the cool spring weather was lower than usual, resulting in the development of open bunches with small flavourful berries. From January onwards, Marlborough experienced a summer of the century, with a spell of long hot dry weather with moderately cool nights providing the perfect environment to ensure physiological and flavour ripeness whilst retaining freshness.

Vineyard & Winemaking

VINEYARD: Seddon Vineyard, Awatere Valley

VINEYARD YIELD: 1.75-2.0kg per vine

CLONE: 80% clone 5; 16% mixed Dijon clones

The fruit for this single vineyard wine comes from the 98 Terrace subsection within the Seddon Vineyard. This low lying river terrace sitting on the southern bank of the Awatere River was planted in 1998. Whilst in a cool climate, this vineyard is protected from the cooler southern breezes resulting in a warm microclimate.

Winemaking Data

VARIETIES: 100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

PH: 3.70

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.5g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.1g/L

FRUIT HANDLING: Hand harvested, 5% whole clusters 95% destemmed

FERMENTATION: Indigenous fermentation

FERMENTATION VESSEL: Open top stainless steel, hand plunged

MATURATION: 14 months in oak and 9 months in stainless steel

FINING: Minimal traditional egg white used

FILTRATION: Minimal lenticular filtration

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