

Pā Road

Pā Road Marlborough Pinot Noir 2021

Winemaker's technical and tasting notes



Vineyards

This Pinot Noir was blended from 3 high quality Pinot Noir vineyards located in Marlborough's Southern and Awatere Valleys.

Established vines all pruned to 2 canes resulting in low yielding ripe Pinot Noir fruit.

Each vineyard is planted in a mix of clones which include 115, 667, 777, 114, 10/5 and Abel.

Winemaking

The fruit was picked over a 2 week period in late March and early April as each block reached its optimal ripeness. The grapes were cold soaked for 3-5 days before fermentation was initiated in a mix of hand-plunged open top fermenters and pump-over stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged in French oak and stainless steel tanks for 9 months to allow the tannins to soften and the oak to integrate. The wine was left to undergo natural malo-lactic fermentation in spring.

Tasting note

Intensely concentrated and deeply coloured, this wine is a reflection of the great growing season.

It possesses an enticing bouquet of perfumed dark fruits, smoky vanilla oak and five spice.

The palate is rich and structured, with a core of ripe plum and dark cherries enveloped in layers of Christmas spice, coffee bean, and licorice. Youthful and complex, with hints of forest floor and plush ripe tannins ensuring that this wine will continue to develop and improve for years to come.

A perfect drink for summer barbeques or cozy winter nights by the fire. Nutty cheeses, game, mushrooms and beetroot would all pair nicely with this food-friendly wine.

Vintage summary

The resounding theme of the 2021 vintage was the low yield and the outstanding quality of the fruit harvested.

The growing season was warm and compressed, with early season frosts leading into cold and unsettled weather at flowering. The resulting bunches were small with low berry counts, which decreased yields but added greatly to the concentration of the wines.

Post-flowering the growing season was warm and settled, with just enough early season rain to keep the canopies green and healthy. The patchy set followed by a dry summer kept the berry size and bunch weights small throughout their development which resulted in densely coloured, rich, ripe and concentrated Pinot Noirs.

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New release, not yet reviewed

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Variety

100% Pinot Noir

Vineyards

69% Southern Valleys

31% Awatere Valley

Wine analysis

Alc – 13.5%

pH – 3.68

T.A – 5.2 g/L

R.S – <1 g/L