

LIME ROCK



WINES

LIME ROCK KOTA PINOT NOIR 2016

This 100% LIME ROCK Central Hawke's Bay Pinot Noir is grown on limestone which was a seabed some 3 million years ago and contains large oyster shells (Kota) the size of a wine bottle. The limestone contributes to the unique character and personality of this wine.

The owners have an Australian education in common. Rodger Tynan, from South Australia, has a Masters in Ecology and calls himself a Vit-Ecologist. Rosie and Rodger met at Roseworthy College, South Australia, when Rosie was studying winemaking there. Their ecological philosophy, combined with over 30 years of wine industry experience, provides a solid basis for producing wines that express the flavour of their land.

Vineyard

LIME ROCK vineyard is on the high, north-facing limestone slopes of Central Hawke's Bay, 40 kilometres south-west of Hastings. The 230-270 m. altitude helps regulate the ripening period and contributes to our distinctive and concentrated aromas. Various positions in the landscape (top, mid and bottom slopes) provide a diversity of niches and micro-climates that add to the complexity of our wines. An ecologically-based vineyard management philosophy that seeks to maintain an undisturbed soil structure is followed and emphasis is put on providing floral habitat for beneficial insects. Overall, attention to detail in site selection, viticulture and winemaking are reflected in the wine quality.

All grapes are handpicked on luscious flavour, often part rows on various small blocks are picked, to maximise quality. We then wait for the flavour and balance, the colour of berries and stems to develop, and look at the weather before picking those rows again, making another batch of wine.

2016 Season

This was an excellent growing season, with some showers through March, but mainly fine weather with warm days and cool nights in April.

Winemaking

Bunches were destemmed into small vats and cold soaked over some days before inoculation with yeast. Plunging and pumping was carried out during fermentation and malo-lactic fermentation and aging was in oak for 8 months before blending and bottling.

Harvest 4th – 12th April 2016
Brix 24 – 25.5, pH 3.10 – 3.30 TA 8.8 -10.4 g/l

Bottled February 2017
Alcohol 13.5% pH 3.53 TA 5.6 g/l

2016 LIME ROCK *Kota* Pinot Noir

From Waipawa in Central Hawke's Bay, an exciting new New Zealand region with Pinot-friendly limestone, this wine is ripe and juicy, with spice and dark fruit aromas and flavours along with complex savoury and earth characters. This well balanced wine has bright acid and textured minerality giving persistent length. Enjoy!

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