

2020 MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR

Sustainable Wine NZ Registration Number: **NZWB326DAFBF**

Winemakers Notes

Our 2020 Marlborough Pinot Noir is a regional blend of some of the best vineyards around Rapaura, Marlborough. Located near the coast, these vineyards benefit from cold winds at night, locking in acidity and fruit freshness. 2020 was an exceptional vintage for Marlborough in general, with the Pinot noir produced being of high quality. This fruit was vinified in Marlborough, and the resultant wine sent to Auckland for finishing.

Analysis:

Alc	13%	Acid	5.5g/L	Res Sugar	0.24g/L	pH	3.54
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Tasting Notes

Colour: Vintage 2020 has given us a moderately coloured wine with a bright core and red/purple rim.

Bouquet: Both red and black fruits intermingled with subtle oak and nuances of grilled meat.

Palate: A rich and firm style with bold, sweet fruit and supple tannins. A core of sweet black cherry fruit lingers on the palate.

Cellaring

New Zealand Pinot Noir is almost always approachable in its youth and this wine is no exception. If you desire a more complex wine, further cellaring is recommended. This wine has been made in a very 'non-interventionalist' style and so we expect it to form a harmless deposit during cellaring. Decanting is recommended.

Food Matches

This fruit driven red wine is a great match with salads, pasta and fish and simple lamb dishes.

Suggested Wine List Description

Ripe black cherry and strawberry notes laced with a richness of spice and oak overtones. A wine style that furthers New Zealand's reputation as one of the few countries to have successfully come to grips with this fickle, supremely aristocratic grape.

Independent Reviewer's Comment

Awards

Silver Medal – Marlborough Wine Show, October 2021