

# Čuvar Guardian Collection

## Ballochdale, Marlborough Pinot Noir 2023

### VINTAGE

2023 in Marlborough was a textbook growing season for us out at Ballochdale.

### VINEYARD

Ballochdale, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 100%  
The vineyard holds itself proud 300 meters above sea level. It's altitude, sheltered northerly aspect and spectacular inland location provide a high diurnal temperature range, and evenness of and suitability of soils that combined, give us the ability to grow grapes and produce wines of identity and intensity. The space is soul food for winemakers and visitors alike.

### WINEMAKERS COMMENT

Bright ruby red with a slight garnet hue, and an inviting nose with aromas of ripe red cherry, cranberry and accented hints of savoury earthiness.

### TECH NOTES

PH : 3.80	TA : 5.9gl	ALC : 13.5%	Residual Sugar : Nil
Standard Drinks : 8.0 (750ml)	Variety : Pinot Noir 100%		
Bottled: 1 March 2024	Vegan Friendly		

Overall, this wine displays a vibrancy and ripe red fruit profile typical of the region along with added depth, structure and spicy nuances from ageing in French oak barriques.

While still youthful, the wine already shows nice complexity from the oak maturation and will age gracefully well into the end of the decade.

### WINEMAKING

**FRUIT HANDLING:** 100% hand-picked.

5% whole bunch fermented; remainder destemmed no crushing. 80% indigenous yeast ferment; 100% oak matured in 37% new French barrique and the remainder seasoned oak for a total of 10 months. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally during the spring months of 2023.

**FERMENTATION VESSEL:** 100% small vat (2 - 3 tonne parcels) hand plunged.



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