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WAITAKI VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2024



**TASTING NOTE:**

Complex aromas of wild berry and vanilla with a hint of forest floor and spice. The tannins are firm yet fresh making this an elegant Pinot Noir.

**VITICULTURE:**

**Location:** Waitaki Valley, North Otago  
**Climate:** Maritime influenced  
**Clones:** UCD5, Abel, 667, 115  
**Soils:** Limestone based soil spread through river gravels  
**Vine age:** Planted 2005  
**Vine density:** 5,000 / Hectare  
**Trellis system:** VSP / Cane Prune

**WINEMAKING:**

**Winemaker:** Antony Worch  
**Harvest date:** 9-16th April 2024  
**Brix:** 22.5-23.2  
**Residual sugar:** <1  
**pH:** 3.67  
**TA:** 5.10g/l  
**Peak fermentation temp:** 32 Degree Celsius  
**Oak percentages:** 100% (25% New/30% 1 YR/45% 2-3YR)  
**Time in barrel:** 9 Months  
**Fining:** None  
**Filtering:** Coarse filtration  
**Alcohol:** 13.0% Alc  
**6 pack cases produced:** 530  
**Bottling date:** 17th March 2025

**Vintage Review:** The Vintage of 2024 will stand out in the history of Waitaki wines as a landmark season. El Nino, a benevolent force, bestowed its favour upon the Waitaki vineyards, blessing us with a warm dry season. It could almost be likened to the year of the leisurely vintner, as we savoured the gradual accumulation of warmth in the valley, unencumbered by the notorious 5.00 pm 'BBQ' winds that typically sweep the Otago coastline. This vintage marked the second warmest in the past 15 years, with a remarkable accumulation of 950 GDD's. Despite a turbulent Spring, characterised by the customary gusts of October and November, the season settled into a tranquil rhythm, gracing us with scarce rainfall henceforth. Harvest commenced a full 10 days earlier than our standard forecast, granting us an extended period for meticulous fruit selection.'