LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
MARLBOROUGH

Reserve Pinot Noir 2023



Tasting Notes

The warm, dry growing season and harvest produced moderate yields with small berries and concentrated flavour. Vibrant, red berry and black cherry fruit are layered with smoky vanilla, sweet spice and subtle French oak. The palate is lush and rounded, with soft tannins and generous raspberry and cherry characters creating a rich, approachable style. Oak influence is nicely integrated, adding warmth, spice and complexity to the finish.

Vineyards and viticulture

Predominantly sourced from our Waihōpai Valley vineyards, with the balance from the Tilly's Block, this Pinot Noir hails from Marlborough's Southern Valleys sub-region where clay-rich soils and low rainfall produce excellent Pinot. The final blend features clones 5, 115, 777 and 667. Vines are low cropping and meticulously managed through careful pruning, canopy work and fruit thinning to achieve optimal ripeness and flavour concentration.

Winemaking

The fruit was harvested into open-top fermenters and cold-macerated for several days to promote gentle extraction of colour, aroma and flavour. Throughout fermentation, the cap of skins (which floats to the top) was carefully hand-plunged three times daily, building depth, structure and complexity. The wine then remained on skins for a week to develop texture, before being pressed to a selection of French oak barriques (224L) and puncheons (500L), including 25% new oak. After ten months of maturation, the finest clones and barrels were carefully assessed and chosen to create the final blend.

100% Pinot Noir, Alcohol 13.0%, pH 3.3, TA 7.5, RS 2.5, Vegan

Cellaring

This lovely wine will continue to evolve in the bottle and mellow with time. Enjoy for the next five or more years.

Food Match

Soft and supple, this wine is lovely with red meat as well as full-flavour chicken and pork dishes and game. Ideal with chargrilled foods, roasted vegetables and any earthy flavours such as beans and lentils. Loves toasted spices such as cumin, star anise, paprika and herbs like oregano, thyme and sage.

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