



# WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



## PINOT NOIR 2020

### TASTING NOTES

Concentrated raspberry and red cherry notes are supported by rich savory complexity. The palate is soft and generous, with notes of wild berries and bramble framed by subtle elegant tannins providing structure and depth.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Flowering commenced in the first week of December. During this period, the region experienced perfect flowering conditions. January to March produced some of the driest months on record culminating in one of the most exceptional harvests ever seen from the region. Picking began in the 2nd week of March and concluded in the second week of April. The drawn-out nature of the harvest allowed the winemakers to pick at optimal balance and sugar ripeness, as well as physiological ripeness. The warm and fine weather through the late summer months has allowed the development of a riper spectrum of tropical flavours. The resulting wines have wonderful fruit concentration and aromatic power.

### VINIFICATION






Grapes were harvested in the cool of the morning to retain vibrancy and focus. Gentle destemming was followed by cold maceration pre-fermentation, with gentle hand plunging used during fermentation to extract colour and tannins.

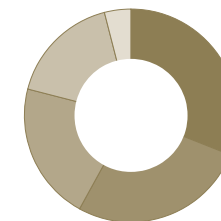
The skins were gently basket pressed, with the wine matured in French oak barriques, prior to blending and bottling.

## FLAVOUR PROFILE

Cherries		Raspberries	
Spices		Earth	

## VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Home	
The Angler	
Crusher	
Mahers	
Kaituna	



## TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested between 13th March - 09 April 2020

Alc	13.5%
RS	1.8g/L
TA	5.7g/L
pH	3.58



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