



# WAIRAU RIVER

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND



## RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2020

### TASTING NOTES

Showing dense cherry, red berry and lifted spice notes. Beautifully structured with fine ripe tannins and delicious smoky oak undertones.

### 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.

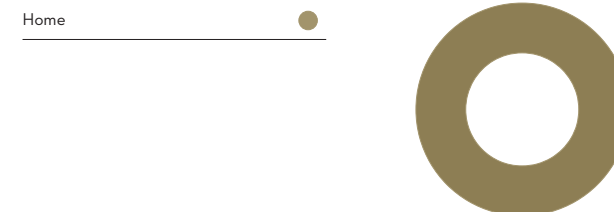
### VINIFICATION

Produced from our Home Block vineyard. Grapes were carefully hand harvested in the cool of the early morning and returned to the winery in small bins. Fermentation took place in 4,000 litre open top French oak cuves, with only delicate hand plunging used to extract colour and subtle tannins. The skins were gently pressed off, and the wine aged in French oak barriques for a minimum of 12 months prior to final blending and analysis.

## FLAVOUR PROFILE

Plum		Dark Chocolate	
Spices		Leather	

## VINEYARD COMPOSITION



## TECHNICAL DATA

Harvested 25th - 27th March 2020

Alc	13%
RS	2g/L
TA	5.8g/L
pH	3.6



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