

PRESTIGE COLLECTION

Pinot Noir 2012



Warmer climate Pinot Noir typically produces a wine exhibiting more savoury earthy notes and mouthfilling structure. When it's grown in a cooler site in Hawkes Bay, we can capture a lot of the essential elements of good Pinot Noir, silkiness, perfume and complexity. In sites that are too warm, the wine can become hard, bitter, dull and without charm.

Pinot from cooler climate, when it doesn't work can show overtly green unripe notes or overly fruity wines. They can lack structure, velvety texture and talciness that comes from the ripe fine grained tannins.

Where our Flying sheep range is focused on delivering clear varietal expressions from Hawke's Bay, our Prestige Collection wines are produced in a form that allows us to showcase the inherent character of our vineyard. We believe our vineyard can deliver Pinot Noir that speaks of where it comes from, Classic red to black forest berry characters, blackcurrant and boysenberry. These same berry flavours dominate the entry onto the palate, and flow into a rich vein of fruit through the mid-palate. It's the sense of place that comes from the minerality, chalkiness and more earthy characteristics we are looking to showcase in this wine. The palate is layered and will develop with time, finishing strongly with masculine fine grained tannin.

WINE	Prestige Collection
VINTAGE	2012
VARIETAL MIX	100% Pinot Noir
HARVEST DATE	Various
ALC	
pH	3.72
TA	5.63
RS	0g/L
CRUSHING/PRESSING	Destemmed and lightly crushed to open fermentor. Cold soaked on skins for 5 days before ferment
FERMENTATION	Wild fermentation, with Spontaneous Spring Malolactic Fermentation
OAK/BARREL HANDLING	Racked to French Barriques 24 hours after pressing, Stirred weekly until Malo kicked off in September.
FINING	Minimal Egg White Fining
FILTRATION	Sterile Pad Filtered

Reviews

Pure Silver – Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2013

Silver – Royal Easter Show 2014

Silver - The New Zealand International Wine Show 2013

Winemaker description

Wild blackcurrant and violet aromas lead into a palate that is a blend of raspberry and dark cherry fruits. This wine is richly textured and while young, offers mouthfilling intensity that will develop into layered complexity with time. The tannins are supple and offer a generous structure and ensure a long, persistent finish.

Michael Cooper

Flavoursome, plummy, spicy red with a hint of 'forest floor', plenty of toasty oak and



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